

MARCH 1990

## Highland County Historical Society

### THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

151 East Main Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

513-393-3392  
MUSEUM MUSES

The Highland County Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the 1990 season on March 29 at 8:00 p.m. at The Highland House. An interesting and exciting series of programs will be presented this spring. Please note these dates on your calendar.

March 29 Mr. Jerry Lee Parker, a production manager at the Candle-lite Company in Leesburg, Ohio, will speak to us regarding the company's 150 year history. Bring your interesting or antique candle holders for "show and tell".

April 26 Mr. Gary Kersey, an auctioneer and former history teacher, will present a program about Abraham Lincoln. His animated presentation has been warmly received and will be interesting to people of all ages. Children are encouraged to attend.

May 6 The Society will be presenting Mr. Frank Farmer Loomis IV, an appraiser of antiques from Cincinnati, Ohio, a columnist for the "Cincinnati Enquirer", a lecturer for the University of Cincinnati, and the host of the WCET TV program "IS IT ANTIQUE YET?". Mr. Loomis will conduct an appraisal session on Sunday, May 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Southern State Community, Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, Ohio. Tickets are available for \$5.00. This will cover admission and an oral appraisal of one item. In addition, you will be able to hear Mr. Loomis identify and estimate the value of all the other items brought that day. Tickets will be sold at the door, but can be purchased in advance from The Newsreader in Hillsboro or The Gossett Company in Greenfield. Here is your chance to find out the value of that old clock Aunt Sara gave you, or the interesting but ugly vase that you want to sell.

May 31 A visit to the Clinton County Historical Society is planned. We will meet at the Presbyterian Church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. If you do not wish to drive, transportation will be provided.

June 28 We will have our annual pot luck picnic and the election of trustees. July 6-8 There will be a quilt show at The Highland House during The Festival of the Bells. Also, another very special project is planned. More later! The H.A.N.D.S. Group has completed the weaving of the curtains for the Joanne Young loom room. Those participating were Mary Bennett, Debbie Cook, Deanna Flinn, Joan Pitzer, and Mary Baughn. The room has also been painted and papered. Thanks to Deanna Flinn, Dorothy Odland, and Anne and Tom Rhude for all their hard work. The room looks terrific!!

Virginia Fling reports that plans for the Society's cookbook are coming along nicely. The book will contain many excellent recipes accompanied by interesting historical anecdotes. Even if you don't like to cook, it will be fun to read.

The Society will participate in "Leadership Highland", a program designed to provide leaders well versed in all aspects of Highland County. We are responsible for providing the first session to the participants. The program on the history of the County will begin May 16. Deanna Flinn has coordinated this event.

The Board of Trustees has voted to offer for sale five cameras and two movie projectors in our collection. The sale will be conducted by sealed bid. A separate bid should be submitted for each camera or projector desired. The

items for sale may be viewed at The Highland House on March 29 after the meeting, or by making arrangements with Susie Sharp at 393-9805. Bids should be mailed to The Highland House, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro, Ohio 45133. No bids will be accepted after midnight of Monday, April 23, 1990.

A spring cleaning day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Highland House. If you can spare an hour or the whole day please come. Lunch will be a pot luck affair and we always have a good time. Don't forget your cleaning paraphernalia!!!

The Society has received several donations this winter. The beautiful tall case clock located in the north west parlor is the gift of Mr. William Huggins of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Milburn and girls donated a lighting device and a flax hatchel. Mr. John K. McBride and Dr. John R. McBride have presented to the Society many beautifully bound books, photographs, and medical cases and instruments from the medical practice of the McBride family. Our appreciation to these individuals for remembering us.

See you on March 29 at The Highland House!!!!!!

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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN is the topic for our meeting next Thursday evening. Gary Kersey, Wilmington auctioneer, former history teacher and Abraham Lincoln buff will be the speaker. Mr. Kersey came to Hillsboro last year to do a program for the Genealogical Society. We had such a good time that we invited him back for our meeting on April 26th at 8 p.m. If you have any Lincoln memorabilia, bring it along to share. Mary Roush and Eleanor Doty will be the hostesses. If you haven't been a host or hostess for the monthly meetings, or volunteered to work this summer on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. - please do so soon - the sign-up sheet needs help!

The Program Committee has arranged a lecture-appraisal session with FRANK FARMER LOOMIS IV, the host of WCET's "IS IT ANTIQUE YET?" on Sunday, May 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the auditorium at Southern State Community College. Tickets are available NOW at the NEWSREADER in Hillsboro, GOSSETT'S in Greenfield, by mail to the Highland House address above, or at the door if any are left over. The cost is \$5.00 for admission and one appraisal. All members are urged to support this special event. If you have questions about the program call 393-1255 or 393-4193.

Our COOKBOOK is ready to go to the printer. It's going to be more than just another cookbook - this one will include some history of the Highland House and the Historical Society and a verbal "taste" of the past. Ellen Duncanson arrived home from Florida just in time to supply some of Kate and June Doorley's original Sunday Dinner recipes. The cookbook is dedicated to June. Ellen is Kate Doorley's great-niece and had a wealth of information for us.

Margaret Ludwick, Anne Rhude, Virginia Fling, Rick Cluxton, Kay Ayres, Susie Sharp and Deanna Flinn met on Saturday, April 7th to clean and freshen the Museum for the 1990 season. The workers shared a delicious pot-luck luncheon an "aerobic" workout and real fellowship. Thanks to Dorothy Odland who couldn't work but used her knee surgery recovery period in a useful way by calling all our members.

Special thanks to the Bell Foundry for the donation of their last bell cast as the company closes. The #1 Farm Bell is on display in the meeting room of the Museum along with photos of the event. Also donated were a safe, old-fashioned dictating equipment and cast iron commemorative pieces.

During the FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS this summer, Rick Cluxton, an expert on log cabin construction, will supervise an old fashioned log-raising on the back lot of the Museum. Plans have been drawn for a small cabin with a loft and fireplace to be used for permanent display. Any volunteer craftsmen may contact Rick for more information.

The Historical Society is pleased to present the first program on History and Heritage for the LEADERSHIP HIGHLAND project, on May 16th. Leadership Highland was formed to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in varied community organizations. The deadline for applicants is April 27th. Louise Hapner is the Program Coordinator. For more information call her at 393-5314.

May 1990

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We'll be on the road again! On May 31, 1990 our program will be a tour of The Clinton County Historical Society's museum. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of The Presbyterian Church. There will be transportation available for those who don't wish to drive. No specific donation is requested by The Clinton County Society, but the program committee asks that our members touring the museum be prepared to offer a small donation. Plan to attend! We have exciting news!! Mr. Curtis Wilson has donated a log house located on his Mad River Road farm to the Society. Under the direction of log house expert, Mr. Rick Cluxton, the cabin will be dismantled and moved to the lot behind The Highland House where it will be reconstructed in an "old fashioned log raising" during The Festival of The Bells on July 6, 7, and 8, 1990.

This is a major project and the support of all the members and friends of the Society is necessary. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers will be needed to help erect the house. Although the cabin and the labor to reconstruct it have been donated there will still be considerable expense involved. You will be receiving a letter explaining the project in more detail and requesting your support. With your help the completed cabin will be a great asset to the Society.

The cookbooks will be back from the publisher by May 28. The cost of each book will be \$7.25. Please add \$1.25 for postage and handling if you would like one mailed to you. Cookbooks will be for sale at The Highland House and The Gable House, or you can order them by writing to the Society at the above address. We will also be selling them at The Lynchburg Covered Bridge Festival. The cookbooks are very attractive and contain lots of historical information and anecdotes as well as wonderful recipes. Order yours now!!!

The flat portion of the roof on The Highland House has been replaced with a new standing seam metal roof. The work was done by Clyde Maines and Sons. It will certainly be a relief to have no more leaks!

Thanks go to those members who worked hard on the Leadership Highland program held at The Highland House on May 16. Virginia Fling, Charles Harsha, Louise Hapner, Elouise Postle, and Tom Rhude were all contributors. Deanna Flinn did an outstanding job of coordinating the whole event. This program provides us an excellent forum for getting our message to the public.

Donations were received this month from Edna Teft, Willa Stanforth, and Joy King who represented the Retail Merchants Association. We thank these people for their generosity.

Volunteers are still needed to serve in the museum from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during the summer and fall. If you would like to help please contact Deanna Flinn at 393-4193 or Anne Rhude at 393-2327.

Eleanor Doty and Mary Roush are to be commended for the delightful refreshments served at our last meeting.

See you on May 31!!!!!!

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The annual potluck picnic will be held this year at the home of Susie Sharp, 251 East Walnut Street, in Hillsboro on Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 pm. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Beverages and table service will be provided.

The election of five members to The Board of Trustees will be conducted at the picnic. Board members whose term has expired include Virginia Fling, Charles Harsha, Bill Lukens, Pat Pierce and Susie Sharp. This meeting is always enjoyable and the election of trustees is very important so please plan to attend.

After an unexpected delay we should receive the cookbooks from the printer this week. If you have already placed an order, please be patient. We will fill them as soon as possible.

Thanks to the cookbook committee -- Chairperson Virginia Fling, Deanna Flinn, Jeanine Holt and Anne Rhude for a terrific job. The cookbooks will be on sale at The Gable House and The Highland House, or you can order one by writing to the above address. They will also be available at The Festival of the Bells. The cookbooks are wonderful and a real bargain at \$7.25. Please add \$1.25 for postage and handling.

The Highland House will be open during The Festival of the Bells. The County Quilters Club will display over one hundred quilts inside the museum. Doll and stuffed animal collections will be on display and quilting and the art of Japanese paper folding, ORIGAMI, will be demonstrated. The Hillsboro Womens Club will provide volunteers to man the museum on Saturday, but volunteers will be needed from 6:00 -- 8:00 pm Friday and from 12:00 -- 3:00, and 3:00 -- 6:00 on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer please call Anne Rhude (393-2327) or Deanna Flinn (393-4193). The log cabin raising will take place behind The Highland House. This is an exciting project, one which will be described more fully in a separate letter.

Donations have been received this month from the Curtis Wilson family, Dan Mitchell representing the First Presbyterian Church, and Willa Stanforth. Your gifts are much appreciated!!

Many memberships in the Highland County Historical Society will expire on June 30, 1990. If you have not already renewed your membership, please return this form with your payment as soon as possible.

MAIL TO:

SECRETARY  
HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
430 W. South Street  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Please renew my membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships: single \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ family \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_ life \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping the Society as a volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ trustee \_\_\_\_\_ host \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend a program on this subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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JULY 1990

Mr. William Combs will present the program for our next meeting at 8:00pm on Thursday, July 26th at the Highland House. The topic will be WORLD WAR I UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT. Mr. Combs has worked as a site interpretive specialist for the Illinois Historical Preservation Organization and as historic clothing supervisor for Historic Hudson Valley, Tarrytown, N.Y. He now resides with his family in Belfast, Ohio where he reproduces historic leather goods for museums.

If anyone has items from World War I that they would like identified, Mr. Combs will be happy to do so at the meeting.

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We are still basking in the glow of a very successful Festival of the Bells. Congratulations to Rick Williams and his committee for making it one of the best.

The Historical Society owes Beulah Caplinger and "THE COUNTRY QUILTERS" the highest praise for a wonderful display of quilts, crafts and generosity by donating proceeds from their show to the museum. Comments were that this was the prettiest show ever held in the museum and we have to agree. Our Log Cabin Raising was exciting too, and although there were not enough volunteers to work in the heat, Rick Cluxton and his crew made great progress.

Willia Stanforth coordinated the volunteers from the Hillsboro Women's Club who spent Saturday afternoon as hostesses at the museum: Mae Jane Pence, Juanita Davis, Jackie Hedges, Louise Postle, Inez Harsha, Geneva Pitcher, Jen Mason, Caryl Newell, Marcia Jolitz, Genevieve John and Dorothy Koch. Anne Rhude coordinated the members of our society who volunteered their time: Virginia Fling, Sarah Fling, Nellie Finley, Margaret Ludwick, Virginia Bare, Mary Hiestand, Dorothy Odland, Bill and Martha Lukens, John Glaze, Lester and Jean Wallis, Toni Price, Ocie Wakefield, Walt Stanforth, Sara and Dick Lukens, Jean Christian, Mel Jolitz, Mary Roush, Jeanine Holt and Charles Harsha. A HEARTY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

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The Trustees welcome Jean Wilkerson, Rick Cluxton and Eleanor Doty who were elected to the board at the June Annual Meeting Picnic. Charles Harsha and Susie Sharp were also elected to serve another three year term. A warm thank you to Bill Lukens, Pat Pierce and Virginia Fling who sat through many long meetings over the last three years and seem content to retire from the board.

At a subsequent meeting on July 9th, the Trustees elected new Officers for 1990-91, they are: Deanna Flinn, President; John Glaze, Vice President; Charles Harsha, Treasurer; Jean Wilkerson, Secretary.

Everyone is going to miss the leadership and style of Susie Sharp as President. She has found it necessary to step down for awhile because of family responsibilities. During her two terms, we learned the value of working together on committees instead of one person trying to do it all. We have developed policies for accepting items donated to the museum and a policy for the use of the Highland House by the community. Priorities for repairs and maintenance of the building have been set. We have learned to laugh at ourselves and the problems and keep on going because we all believe the museum is an important asset to Hillsboro. I plan to do my best to keep the momentum going, and I welcome any suggestions as to how the Society can continue to grow.



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AUGUST 1990

Your Historical Society has many new members who are not familiar with the way we elect trustees and officers and set policy for the organization, so we have decided to hold an open dialogue between members and trustees for our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 30th at 8:00pm at the Highland House.

This will be an informal gathering and a chance for members to meet the trustees who serve on our various committees and exchange ideas with them. The trustees can report directly to you about their upcoming events and projects and we hope this will encourage all our members, both "early" and new, to become involved. Sara and Martha Lukens will be our hostesses with delicious refreshments and you will have time to look around the museum and give us your comments.

Fifteen trustees are elected to serve a three-year term, with five new members of the board chosen at each June Annual Meeting. The officers for the coming year are then selected by a quorum of trustees at their next meeting. Trustees currently serving are:

### Terms expiring in 1991

John Glaze, Jack Hope, Dorothy Odland,  
Virginia Bare and Wesley Roush.

### Terms expiring in 1992

Deanna Flinn, Sara Lukens, Anne Rhude,  
Jeanine Holt and Jean Wallis.

### Terms expiring in 1993

Charles Harsha, Jean Wilkerson, Susie Sharp,  
Eleanor Doty and Rick Cluxton.

These are the people we want you to meet. They need your support and interest to make the Society and the Highland House Museum all it can be. Please join us on August 30th and bring along anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about our organization.

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MUSEUM DUES

SEPTEMBER 1990

DEA -  
Anne wanted me  
to wait until after the  
Garden party to mail these.  
50 I did - Jeanine

Roger and Anna Ritter of Belfast will present a program on PIONEER LIVING for our meeting on Thursday, September 27th at the Highland House, 8:00 pm. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter will come dressed in pioneer costume and tell about building their own log cabin home, making their furniture out of barn siding and show a collection of guns and artifacts. Mrs. Ritter and her daughter Barbie Sue will play the dulcimer and sing for us. The meeting will be held outside in the backyard of the Museum, weather permitting. Willa Stanforth will provide refreshments.

The Highland House meeting room will be the setting for an original version of Edgar Lee Masters "SPGN RIVER ANTHOLOGY" produced by Daniel Liords and the Actors Community Theatre. Performances will be on September 21, 22, 23 and 28, 29, 30 at 8:00 pm. For reservations and further information please call 393-5774 or 393-1507 in Hillsboro.

Another upcoming event will be our FALL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES to be held on Sunday, October 7th from noon until 5:00 pm. This has been a popular event in the past and we hope you will visit the seven houses included on the tour which begins at the Highland House Museum. Advance tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the NEWSREADER in Hillsboro or at the Museum on the day of the tour. Susie Sharp and Debbie Harsha are coordinating this event and you may contact them for further information at 393-9805 or 393-2810.

The Victorian Garden Party was held on September 16th at the Leibreich home on North High Street and was deemed a grand success.

Although the food was plentiful and delicious, the lemonade was virtually ignored for the champagne punch.

Mrs. Henry Head had decorated the tables and grounds beautifully and as the guests entered through a flower bedecked arch, Mr. Richard Lukens announced their arrival.

Seventy-five percent of the guests dressed in vintage clothing, and some drove vintage cars. The four little maids were the hit of the party dressed in long black dresses with white pinafores and jaunty little maid's caps. They were Amy Sharp, Tausha Dixon, Lisa Yochum and our exchange student from Finland, Anne Korman.

The committee included:

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| Mrs. Lawrence Odland | Mrs. Lester Wallis    |
| Mrs. Richard Lukens  | Mrs. Henry Head       |
| Mrs. Sam Cole        | Mrs. John Williamson  |
| Mrs. Devey Pierce    | Mrs. Tom Rhude        |
| and of course...     | Mrs. Norman Leibreich |

In closing this memorable afternoon Miss Liz Odland and her fiance, Mr. Kevin Kriester, led the group in singing "God Bless America." Many thanks to the friends of the Historical Society for the refreshments made with such loving care and to those who dressed in such a splendid manner.

The video tape will be shown on Channel 6 on Tuesday, October 2 at 1:00.

At our last meeting, Secretary and Membership Chairman, Jean Wilkerson reported that we have 89 members with unpaid dues. This represents a large amount of income that we depend upon to maintain the Museum. If you are in doubt about your membership status please call her at 393-1492. ANYONE WHOSE DUES EXPIRED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1989 WILL BE DROPPED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. OUR BY LAWS state that members who are in arrears after one year should be dropped. We have been forgiving in the past because we need all of our members, and have kept the dues at \$5.00 for a single and \$8.00 for a family to encourage wide participation. To prevent the hassle of yearly dues, we would welcome you as a LIFE MEMBER for only \$100.00. If you enjoy our monthly programs and events and believe that the Highland House Museum is an important addition to our town, please give us your support.



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OCTOBER, 1990

Thursday, October 25th will be "VIDEO NIGHT" at the Highland House, 8:00p.m. Our program will feature a showing of the September Victorian Garden Party tape and a 1938 film of Hillsboro which has been transferred to video tape by the Hillsboro Professional Firefighters. Come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Jeanine Holt will provide refreshments. This will be our last program until March.

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The Highland County Historical Society will again have a booth at the ARTISAN FOLK FAIR to be held the first weekend in November, at the Fairfield High School 200 South Street, Leesburg. The hours will be Saturday Nov. 3 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Sunday November 4, from 12 noon until 5:00pm. Jean Wallis plans to set up a display of early kitchen items and sell our Highland House Cookbooks. She will need volunteers to staff the booth. If you would like to help please call her at 393-2759.

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Our FALL TOUR OF HOMES held on October 7th was a wonderful success. Special thanks to Susie Sharp and Debbie Harsha who organized this event and to the homeowners who so warmly welcomed the public: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Heskitt, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leibriech, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wilson, Mr. Jack Hope at the Parker House and the Hillsboro City Schools who allowed us to show the Scott House.

Several local businesses donated their services: Gibbs & Associates, Highland County Printers, Highland Enterprise Lumber Company, The Newsreader, The Press Gazette, Jean's Flowers and Gifts and WSRW. The Society sincerely thanks them for their continued support.

As you know, the heart of our organization is our volunteers. Anne Rhude did her usual great job of scheduling the tour guides. Those who helped were: Sandy and Debbie Harsha, Sally Sanders, Virginia Bare, Mary Hiestand, Lillian Robinson, Walt and Willa Stanforth, Lester Wallis, Louise Hapner, Jean Christian, Charles and Inez Harsha, Eleanor Doty, Kathy Daniels, Lenora Gordon, Mary Katherine Shepler, John Glaze, Tom Rhude, Virginia Fling, Ginny Norvel, Roy Anderson, Catherine and Ken Meade, Evelyn and John Tom, Julie Henry, Frances Farris, Jean Wilkerson, Dottie Williamson, Dorothy Odland and Laverne Rhodes. Many thanks!

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We welcome as new members the WINNERS OF THE DAILY DRAWING AT THE SOCIETY'S BOOTH AT THE HIGHLAND COUNTY FAIR: Mary Cox of Hillsboro, Roger Puckett of Hillsboro, Deb Dreher of Greenfield, Calvin Clark of Lynchburg, Gayle Yezzi of Hillsboro and Flick Young of Mowtystown.

Other new members include: Mr. Gary McDaniels of Columbus, Gary and Lois Drake of Hillsboro and Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Culbreath of Hillsboro. Recent LIFE members are: Barbara T. Lamb, Carlene Phillips and Sen. Cooper Snyder.

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Last month we reported 89 members with unpaid dues. We now have only 53 which expired on June 30, 1990. Members whose dues expired 88-89 have their mailing label on the other side of this newsletter marked with an asterisk. This will be your last reminder and newsletter unless you contact our Secretary, Jean Wilkerson at 393-1492.

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