

Highland County Historical Society

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

151 East Main Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

MUSEUM MUSE'S

MARCH 1991

WELCOME SPRING! Your Highland House has been tucked-up and asleep during the winter. Our frugal measures have kept the utility bills under \$200 for this season, but now it is time to wake up, stretch and get busy.

The Trustees continued to meet on their regular bi-monthly schedule and have set several priorities for the coming year:

First and foremost is the completion of the LOG CABIN in time for a dedication during the Festival of the Bells in July. Volunteers are needed to help finish the cabin, if you have construction talents and would like to get involved, please contact Rick Cluxton at 393-3917 or Deanna Finn at 393-4193. We can offer lessons in chinking the logs, chimney building or planting a herb garden and the chance to tell your grandchildren that you helped reconstruct the log cabin at the Museum.

The Building and Maintenance Committee has received estimates for repointing the brick in several areas on the outside of the building. This work will start as soon as the weather permits.

Many thanks to the City of Hillsboro for trimming the trees in front of the Highland House.

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We are starting to organize our annual Spring Clean Up at the Museum. No date has been set, but it will be a Saturday in early May. Members of the National Honor Society are going to help and we hope you will too! We will have a simple carry-in luncheon and plan to work from 9am until 4pm, three or four persons to a room. If you cannot join us for work and fellowship we would WELCOME A CONTRIBUTION towards paint and polish.

We also need clean, used bed sheets to wrap articles being placed in our storage rooms. If you have sheets to donate contact Anne Rhude at the Gable House, 393-1255.

Contributions are still needed for the completion of the Log Cabin project. To date we have received \$2,540.00 and have spent \$4,588.00. The Museum and Cabin belong to all residents of Highland County and we need your support to keep the buildings in good repair. Checks of any amount are welcome. Make them out to the Highland County Historical Society, noting which project you are helping and mail to 151 East Main Street Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

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PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM

Our regular date of the last Thursday in the month falls on Maundy Thursday this year. Many area churches are scheduling services and we do not want to cause a conflict. Therefore, our first monthly meeting will be April 25th.

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MUSEUM MUSES

APRIL 1991

On THURSDAY, APRIL 25th at 8:00pm, Chris Fuller, Manager of Ayres Antiques on East Main Street, will present a program on late 19th/early 20th century ANTIQUE METAL TOYS. We hope you will join us and bring along any toys from your collection to discuss during our Social Hour.

The Historical Society is pleased to be participating again with LEADERSHIP HIGHLAND. Their first session on History and Heritage will be presented on Wednesday, May 22nd at the Highland House. Contact Louise Hapner at 393-5314 for more information.

On Friday, June 21st we are expecting about 3,000 bicyclists from Ohio and around the country to roll into Hillsboro! Participants of the GREAT OHIO BICYCLE ADVENTURE will be on a week long tour covering 350 miles, beginning and ending in Washington Court House, with overnight stops in Logan, Circleville, West Union, Waverly, Hillsboro and Chillicothe.

Our local Lions Club is organizing a camp-out at the Fairgrounds and planning events to showcase Hillsboro. The Highland House Museum will be open from 3-9pm and will need volunteers to staff the Museum and Cabin.

MANY THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SENT RECENT DONATIONS FOR THE LOG CABIN

We are asking our members how they would like to see the cabin used. Some have suggested using the space to set up changing exhibits such as pioneer living, tools, or reviving the country store display. Elementary teachers have suggested using it for a one-room school experience. WHAT DO YOU THINK??

Please return the form below to us with your ideas and suggestions. Also let us know what programs you would enjoy and how you would like to participate.

I think the LOG CABIN could be used for _____

I would like to help finish the cabin. I have skills in or would like to learn

Chinking _____ Construction _____ Masonry _____ Landscaping _____

I would like to hear a program about _____

I would like to be nominated as a Trustee _____

I would like to volunteer to staff the Museum during the summer _____

I would like to attend a training session to learn to show the Museum _____

I would like to be a host/hostess for a monthly meeting _____

Our group would like to visit the Highland House or hold a meeting there _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

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MAY 1991

Susan Gingerich, the very talented actress who performs locally with Actors Community Theatre (ACT), will present a program on HERBS for our monthly meeting Thursday, May 30th 8:00pm at the Highland House. Susan is the owner of LAVENDER GLEN located near East Monroe. She describes her business as a hobby that has grown out of bounds, like most things in our gardens this year. Several members have requested a program on pioneer and medicinal herbs and this will be the focus of her presentation along with slides of OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE in Massachusetts. She will bring along samples to taste, touch and smell and will have a few items to sell. Hosts Pat Pierce and Jack Hope will provide refreshments for our social hour. Please join us.

Three Saturdays in May were set aside to work with volunteer help towards completion of the Log Cabin. On May 11th, Rick Cluxton, Tim Barker and Jack Hope worked on the floor joists and Rick and Tim started laying the old wide floor boards on May 18th. May 25th the work will center around framing in the windows. We've had several "sidewalk superintendents" stop by to check the progress and they are very welcome, but what we really need are carpenters with tools in hand to show up anytime during the day, starting at 9am and working as long as possible.

Saturday, June 8th Hillsboro student members of the National Honor Society will join Rick to learn how the chinking process is done. Other volunteers and superintendents will also be welcome that day.

We are having a problem locating stone to lay the fireplace and chimney for the cabin. If anyone has information on where we can obtain appropriate stone (not soft sandstone) please contact Rick Cluxton at 393-3917.

May 18th was also a volunteer day for working around the Museum. The Curator Committee, Willa Stanforth and Susie Sharp, rearranged some of the furnishings with the help of Elmer Wilkerson, Walt Stanforth and Jack Hope. Paula Wright, Sara Lukens and Dea Film dug two herb beds in the back yard. Paula is developing a business at Pond Lick Farm in Seaman to sell ginseng, herbs and everlasting. She has offered to plan the beds and donate plants for our herb gardens which will be expanded after the cabin is finished. Hal Keen from the Chamber Enterprise Center will also be working on this project.

Bill Combs has started an inventory of our military room collection and will be updating our display to include a wider representation of the important historical conflicts.

There were not enough volunteers willing to participate in our spring cleaning party so professional cleaners were hired to do the job on May 20th. Trustee, Dorothy Odland donated money to pay for the cleaning and we are most grateful.

A training session for our Sunday summer volunteers will be held Saturday, June 1st from 12-3pm. We will start with a thank-you luncheon hosted by the trustees. Virginia Bare, our former Curator, will then lead participants on a walk through the Museum to explain exhibits and procedures. If you would like to attend please RSVP to 393-4193 on or before May 30th.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATE TIME, TALENT AND FUNDS TO KEEP THE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM GOING.

A special exhibit on the life and work of local artist MILTON CANTIFF is being planned at the museum during the Festival of the Bells. If you have anything in your collection that you would like to share please contact Hollis Stevenson at 393-5443 or Ireland Pennington at 364-6055.

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M U S E U M M U S E S

JUNE 1991

ANNUAL MEETING PICNIC AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES - 7pm THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - POND LICK FARM

Our Annual Meeting Picnic will be held this year at Pond Lick Farm in Seaman, the home of Paula and Don Wright. They have a Log Cabin on their property which will shelter about 30 people in case of inclement weather. Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share, and your own lawn chairs. Picnic tables will be provided as well as coffee, tea and table ware. For those who wish to CARPOOL a few vehicles will leave the HIGHLAND HOUSE promptly at 6:15pm. Please call 393-4193 if you need a ride.

Directions from Hillsboro to Pond Lick Farm are as follows: South on U.S.62 past New Market. Turn LEFT onto 136 and continue through Sugar Tree Ridge. LEFT again on Pond Lick Road (26) approximately 2½ miles to Pond Lick Farm. You should allow about one-half hour travel time from Hillsboro. From other locations check your Highland County map.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU JOIN US! The NOMINATING COMMITTEE has come up with excellent recommendations for new Trustees. During our brief business meeting you will be asked to consider the following people:

Louise Hapner, Pamela Nickell, Flouise Postle and Mike Yochum, also John Glaze and Jack Hope who have agreed to serve another term if elected. As always, nominations are expected from the floor to be added to the ballot.

We will be thanking Virginia Bare, Dorothy Odland and Wesley Roush for their service. Although we will miss their talent and dedication as Trustees we know they will keep an interest in the Historical Society, and we are very grateful.

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The PROGRAM COMMITTEE has scheduled the following programs for the remainder of this year:

- July 25 Jean Wallis will give the history of our Log Cabin
- Aug. 29 Road Trip to "Homestead" the boyhood home of Ulysses S. Grant and the Thompson Gallery, Georgetown, home of Wildlife International, Inc/Artist John Ruthven
- Sept. 26 History of Cambridge Glass presented by S. Hollis Stevenson
- Oct. 31 "Ghosts From The Past" tales about early homeowners of Highland Co. Historic Homes (let us know if you have an interesting story)

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We had a good turnout for our Museum Training Session and Luncheon held on June 1st. Many thanks to our former Curator, Virginia Bare, and camera operator, Jeanine Holt. After a luncheon provided by Trustees: John Glaze, Charles Harsha, Susie Sharp, Anne Rhude, Jeanine Holt, Sara Lukens, Virginia Bare and Eleanor Doty, Jeanine video-taped Virginia as she led volunteers room by room through the museum to learn the background of our collection. Volunteers attending were: Carlene Phillips, Bob Jones, Louise Hapner, Margaret Ludwick, Lenora Gordon, Mary Hiestand, Jean Carson, Dale Rayburn, Marjean Monts DeOca and members of "The Country Quilters" Viola and Nancy Lange, Anna Burwinkle, Toyoko Nakauchi, Chako Sakamoto, Chiharu Watase. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

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A few of our members report that their newsletter delivery is being delayed. The newsletter leaves the Hillsboro Post Office promptly, so we suggest that you contact your local postmaster if this is a problem in your area.

It's that time of year again! We need your support if you believe that the Highland House is an important asset to our town. Please help us by RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW. We are keeping the dues at a minimum so everyone can participate in Preserving the Past For The Future. Please return this form with your dues payment to:

Secretary, Highland County Historical Society
151 East Main Street Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP name: _____ telephone: _____
address: _____

Single: \$5.00 _____ Family: \$8.00 _____ Change to Life: \$100 _____

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JULY 1991

Stephen Kelley, curator of the Adams County Heritage Center and publisher of the OHIO SOUTHLAND MAGAZINE, will be the speaker for our program on Thursday, July 25th at 8:00pm at the Highland House Museum. Steve has been a collector for over twenty five years of artifacts from prehistoric Indian cultures and will share his knowledge and collection with us. Hostesses for the evening will be Jean Christian and Eleanor Doty. Please join us and bring any items you might wish to identify or show.

The exhibit on Milton Caniff created for our Festival of the Bells celebration will remain on display in the meeting room during the summer. Those of you who remember Milton's Hillsboro background and his cartoonist career will want to see this exhibit created by Hollis Stevenson and Leland Pennington. Thanks also to Sandra Leibreich, Walt and Willa Stanforth, Paul and Mary Levo, Mrs. Lucille Walker, Carolyn Wilkin Sanders and Sallie Stevenson for sharing their momentos and memories of Milton.

We had a wonderful evening at our Annual Meeting Picnic including the hospitality of Don and Paula Wright of Pond Lick Farm and the delicious pot luck menu provided by those who attended. A brief business meeting followed the supper and new Trustees Louise Hapner, Pamela Nickell, Elouise Postle and Mike Yochum were duly elected. John Glaze was re-elected to another three year term and Jack Hope was appointed to fill an unexpired two year term.

At a subsequent meeting on July 8th, the Trustees met to elect officers for the coming year. There was discussion about what our future goals will be, completion of the projects in progress and the need to get more of our membership involved in committee work. We always need fresh ideas and manpower to implement them. Remember you only receive what you give back in life, so consider this your invitation to get involved! Officers elected to serve YOUR society for another year are: Deanna Flinn, President; John Glaze, Vice President; Charles Harsha, Treasurer and Jeanne Wilkerson, Secretary.

Thank you for the quick response to our membership renewal notice. It saves us a good deal of work and postage when you send your check directly to our Secretary at the Highland House address above or see her at the monthly meeting. We especially appreciate longtime members of the society, Mary Katherine Shepler, Phillis Druhott Levers and Eleanor Doty who recently became LIFE members.

MANY THANKS to our volunteers who helped welcome visitors to the Museum during the Festival of The Bells weekend. Willa Stanforth who organized the schedule for the Hillsboro Women's Club members: Genevieve Johns, Dorothy Williams, Mae Jane Pence, Carlene Phillips, Jackie Hedges, Dorothy Koch, Carol Newell and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Jolitz. Also staffing the museum were: Bill and Martha Lukens, Jo Anglin, Paula Wright, Pamela Nickell, Dorothy Odland, Margaret Ludwick, Sara Lukens, Jean Wallis, Susie Sharp, Virginia Bare, Lillian Robinson, Charles Harsha, Louise Hapner, Hal Kneen, Anne Rhude and Bob Jones. We saved Jones for last so we can give him extra thanks for quietly looking after our new herb garden and other trimming in the backyard.

We all enjoyed the Conestoga Wagon and Pioneer demonstrations provided by Roger and Anna Ritter of Belfast, Ohio. We hope they will join us again when we are ready to dedicate our log cabin.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, August 29th when we will carpool to Georgetown, Ohio and visit "Homestead" the boyhood home of Ulysses S. Grant and the Thompson Gallery, home of Wildlife International, Inc. artist John Ruthven.

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AUGUST 1991

HAVE YOU VISITED THE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM THIS SUMMER? It's a wonderful place to take your family and visitors when they come to town. We are open on SUNDAY from 1-4pm until the end of October with a dedicated group of volunteers on duty to make you feel welcome. In addition to the Milton Caniff exhibit now being featured, we have recently received, as a gift from the estate of Louise Cowman, a walnut armchair and a pair of watercolor landscapes painted by Miss Helen Whisler, daughter of Charles Whisler. Mr. Whisler owned and operated a feed mill in Hillsboro for many years. Helen died in the early 1920's. Her paintings have been placed in the downstairs entry hall. Also, if you need gift ideas, we have several publications on sale to benefit the museum:

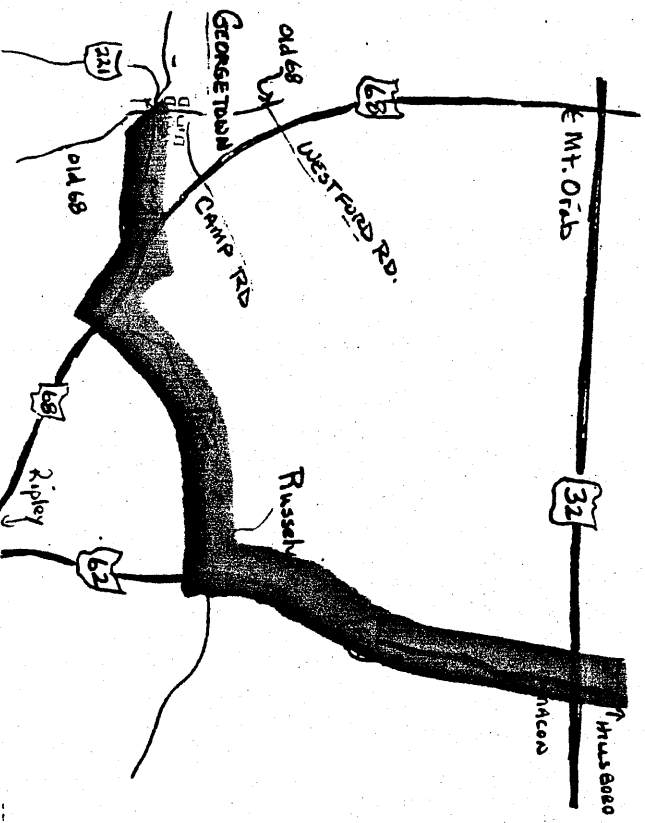
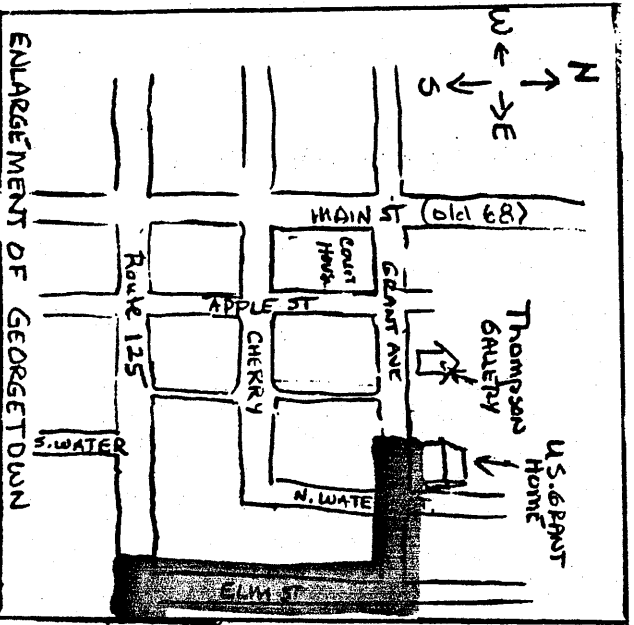
- A limited edition print of the HIGHLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, suitable for framing
- 'MILTON CANIFF'S AMERICA' patriotic drawings by the creator of "Steve Canyon" and "Terry And The Pirates"
- Limited back issues of HIGHLAND COUNTY MAGAZINE featuring Milton Caniff
- Our own cookbook "COOKING NOW AND THEN" which tells the history of the society and the Highland House along with a collection of local family recipes and those served by Miss June Doorley at her party luncheons and Sunday dinners.
- An interesting collector's volume, published in 1914 by Eliza J. Pulise Scott, titled "FARM LIFE AND CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP"
- Blackburn family history, "TODAY AND YESTERDAY" by Frances Blackburn Hilliard

We have a varied supply of these items, so visit soon. (Out of town members may order by sending an inquiry to the address on our letterhead.)

Several committees were formed at our July board of trustees meeting and their work is already in progress. The MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE is preparing a mailing of information about the society in an effort to encourage anyone who has an interest in Highland County to become involved. As you can imagine, the job of compiling lists of persons who should be aware of our activities is an awesome task and we hope you will understand if you are a longtime member and receive a letter inviting you to join! Please smile, pass the letter along to a friend, and remember we are just trying to let everyone participate in our "Celebrations of the Past". If you have a question about your membership status, please call our secretary Jeanne Wilkerson at 393-1492.

We hope you will join us on our regular monthly meeting night, THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th. The program committee has arranged a road trip to the Georgetown, Ohio area. We will visit the "HOMESTEAD" boyhood home of Ulysses S. Grant, now privately owned by artist John Ruthven and his wife. Then, a few doors away, we will tour the Thompson House Gallery and view some of Mr. Ruthven's famous wildlife prints. If you need a ride, please call Anne Rhude at 393-1255. We will meet in the parking lot behind the Presbyterian Church and leave PROMPTLY at 6:15pm - traveling the following route from Hillsboro:

Route 62 South to Russellville. At traffic light in Russellville turn RIGHT on Route 125. Follow 125 to Route 68 and turn RIGHT to the first Georgetown exit ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) and turn LEFT to Route 125 again. When you see the Catholic Church on the right and Georgetown Marketplace on the left you turn RIGHT on the next street (ELM ST.) take first LEFT on GRANT AVE. to corner of WATER ST.



(map courtesy of member Hal Kneen)

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SEPTEMBER 1991

An Addicts Confession - "I CAN'T STOP COLLECTING CAMBRIDGE GLASS!"

Our September program will be about addiction of the "breakable" kind by an admittedly compulsive collector, Hollis Stevenson.

Hollis was raised in Cambridge, Ohio, (Guernsey County), in the southeastern part of the state. It was the home of The Cambridge Glass Company from 1901 to 1954. Her grandfather, Judge Charles Turnbaugh, was the attorney of record for the Company. Close friend and neighbor, Roy Pritchard, head of the company etching department, brought her samples and took her to the plant many times. As Hollis puts it, "Cambridge Glass was in my family and in my blood!"

Hollis will present a short history of the Company, illustrate the various trademarks used throughout its 53 year history and warn about reproductions from the late 50's through today. In addition, she will bring examples from her collection.....some common, everyday items and other rather unusual pieces.

If you have Cambridge Glass you would like to share with the members, please bring it to the meeting on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th at 8pm at the HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM. Hollis will also help you identify any pieces you think may be Cambridge.

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The Trustees met on Monday, Sept. 9th to discuss the Annual Financial Report, Membership Development and our By Laws revision. Copies of the proposed By Laws and the Financial Report will be available at the September meeting. We hope to have the membership vote on the new By Laws at the October meeting, so we will need your prompt input. Committee members are John Glaze, Mike Yochum, Pam Nickell, Dorothy Odland and Deanna Flinn.

The Membership Development Committee would like to thank all those who responded to our August mailing. We hope we can convince you to follow up your dues with active participation in our Society. Every organization needs new ideas from time to time and we certainly want to share our wonderful Museum with the community. IT'S YOURS, COME USE IT!

We especially want to thank Sondra Leibreich for becoming a new Life Member and announce the arrival August 30th, of our youngest member, Master Gregory Franklin Van Zant II, who was given his membership by Bob Jones.

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The Society has received a recent inquiry about the painted stage curtain from Bell's Opera House which depicted an indian on horseback looking on as civilization advances. We know that the curtain was sold, but too fragile to be preserved after cleaning. Local artist, Mildred Bennington, has donated her rendering of the scene to the Museum. Now, we wonder if anyone has an early photograph of the interior of the Opera House that we may reproduce for our Archives file. Please call 393-4193 if you have any information to share.

Phil Roberts of THE PRESS GAZETTE has offered the Society some file photographs taken of Joe Rockhold as "UNCLE ORRIE." Many people remember him from their childhood and we look forward to expanding our display in the upstairs Hall of Fame.

Jack Hope needs additional old floor boards to complete the Log Cabin. Please let us know where we can find these. Although it's not visible as you drive by, progress is being made on the cabin and it will be wonderful soon!

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As our gardens come to an end and we have bushels of produce to use up, we offer some recipes from our Society cookbook COOKING THEN AND NOW. This publication not only contains delicious entries from our members, but also glimpses from the past from Miss June Doorley's Sunday Dinner and the Highland House history. Now available at a bargain price of \$5.00 to encourage you to buy more for gifts.

SUMMER MEDLEY

Mrs. Genevieve (Clyde) Maines

1/8 tsp. pepper	1 tbsp. oil
1 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. oregano flakes
1 tsp. beef bouillon	
4 C. cubes squash or zucchini	
1 C. chopped onion	
1 C. green pepper, cubed	
1 C. sliced carrots	
1 C. stewed tomatoes, or fresh tomatoes	
1 C. diced potatoes	
1/2 C. corn or any other vegetable.	

Pressure cook for 10 minutes at 15 lbs. pressure.

MINESTRONE SOUP

Mrs. Catherine (Kenneth) Meade

3 tbsp. finely chopped onion	5 C chicken broth
1/2 C. finely chopped leeks	1 can (16oz.) Northern beans
1 garlic clove, finely chopped	1/2 tsp. salt (optional)
2 tbsp. vegetable oil	1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 1/2 C. chopped zucchini	1/2 tsp. basil leaves
1 1/2 C. chopped carrots	1 bay leaf
1 1/2 C. chopped potatoes	1 pkg. (10oz.) frozen peas
1/2 C. thinly sliced celery	1 C. Kellogg's Heartwise Cereal
1 can (28oz.) whole tomatoes	3 tbsp. grated Parmesan Cheese
chopped, liquid reserved	

In an 8 quart saucepan saute onion, leeks and garlic in oil. Add zucchini, carrots, potatoes and celery. Cook 5 minutes; stirring frequently. Add tomatoes, tomato liquid, chicken broth, beans, salt, pepper, basil and bay leaf.

Cover, bring to a boil. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add peas; simmer 10 minutes longer. Remove bay leaf. Stir in

Heartwise cereal. Serve hot, garnished with Parmesan Cheese.

Yields 9 delicious servings.

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OCTOBER 1991

The Highland County Historical Society wishes to offer CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCOTT HOUSE COMMITTEE (and all the Scott House Committees that were worn down in the past) THE SCOTT HOUSE WILL BE SAVED!

Thanks to the work of the committees, the thinking members of the School Board, and the many people who wrote letters to our local editors, this Hillsboro "Gem" will become more than a memory.

"People who say it can't be done, are often interrupted by those who are doing it." (author unknown)

Dr. Karr and staff members from Great Oaks have reached agreement with the School Board to restore the building using student help and donations. We hope the same energy used in controversy will be directed toward completion of this project. PRIVATE DONATIONS WILL STILL BE NEEDED and we encourage our members to give their support. The Scott Committee has asked our help in locating early photographs of the building. Please contact Sandy Harsha or Kay Ayres if you have pictures of the Scott House, at any age or stage.

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Photographs of LILLIE ANN FARIS are also needed to include her in our Hall of Fame display at the Museum. Eloise Postle is coordinating this project. Please let her know if you have any photos or negatives to share.

MANY THANKS for recent donations to the Museum:
from Ted and Eileen Salter, an old "thick" phonograph record for the wind-up machine on display in the downstairs back hall; Phil Roberts of the Press Gazette donated six photographs of Joe Rockhold as "Uncle Orrie" including one, we think, of local children who visited the TV station; Mrs. Joseph West has sent us a tuxedo worn by Dr. J.C. Larken.

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WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE the response to our August Membership Drive and WELCOME:

Dale and Susan Martin, Madeleine and John Crouse, Rosemary Keaten, Edith Jenkins, Rosemary and Kathleen Ryan, Melissa and Roger Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Pitzer, Sue Hamilton, Dorothy Curtin, Julia and Orville Newman, John and Nancy Woolums, Donna Jane and Daniel Nartker, Bernice Newman, Rose and Jim Merkwoltz, Doris Brown, Lesia and David McKenna, Cindy and Lloyd Reynolds, Scott Freshour, Mr. and Mrs. Max Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson, Mary Heskett, Phillip Beltz, Martha DeBolt, Mr. and Mrs. George Roush, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Armstrong, Bill, Linda and Victoria Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gall, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frazer, Diane Harrison, Marshall Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hern, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Horst and Brandi, Mary Ellen Hollister and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Horne, Mrs. Michael McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Irish and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, and NEW LIFE MEMBERS: ANNA BERYL MILLER, PHILIP A. BURWINKLE and GLENN ROUSH.

We also appreciate those who continue to support the society by renewing their memberships and anyone whose name has been omitted from the list above. If you have a question about your membership status contact our Secretary, Jeanne Wilkerson at 393-1492 or the Highland House address printed above.

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A REMINDER to our new members that this will be the last program and newsletter for this year. We resume our monthly activities in March, but hope you will watch the local newspapers for information about our CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE to be held the first two weekends in December. We will need volunteers to staff the Museum, musicians to entertain, dollhouses and model trains to display, and new ideas to make the public welcome. This could be a fun way to get involved!

Our next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st at 8pm. Being Halloween, the program is called "GHOSTS FROM THE PAST" and will feature members who have interesting stories to tell about early Highland County families. Let us know if you want to participate!

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As we clean the storage rooms and freshen up the Museum, we find things in our collection that are too modern, have no identification, or just don't belong. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, we have tagged such items for sale to our members. Don't get excited, there are no large antiques, just some "bits and pieces," books and loose photographs which cannot be used for display. If interested, you may purchase these trinkets during our social hour at the October meeting.

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On the front of the Highland House there is a plaque stating that Hillsboro was the center of the U.S. population in 1870. You can read an interesting article about "America Goes West" in the 1992 - 200th ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE OLD FARMERS ALMANAC, which tells how our country expanded from census to census.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO..... excerpts written, in glowing terms, by a reporter in the October 16, 1891 edition of the HILLSBORO WEEKLY GAZETTE:

"HILLSBORO.....UPON HER THRONE OF BEAUTY SHE SITS A QUEEN and Rules a Fair Domain.

To-day's GAZETTE presents to thousands of readers a resume (imperfect though it may be) of Hillsboro's trade interests. The year 1891, so far as this locality is concerned, is undoubtedly one of almost unprecedented business activity and business prosperity, and we feel like improving this opportunity of informing the world at large that Hillsboro is "in it" and, as dollars go in trade totals, for a big round sum.....

A RED LETTER YEAR in the calendar, so far as Hillsboro is concerned. This little city has quite a reputation, too. Here at home the citizens are not over-much given to self-glorification, but the town has certainly been exploited abroad, and the name of the city has elsewhere become synonymous with thrift, wealth and public spirit..... BEAUTIFUL AS TO LOCATION. Possibly a more beautiful location might have been found, but it certainly would not be in Southern Ohio. The centre of the city - intersection of Main and High streets - marks the summit of a hill whose sides slope in each direction with almost mathematical regularity..... The healthfulness of such a location can not be questioned. The natural drainage is simply perfect, and this, coupled with the fact that the streets and alleys are for the most part kept in cleanly condition, accounts in great measure for the low rate of mortality that obtains.....

THE RESIDENCE PORTION. One doesn't fully appreciate the natural and acquired attractions of Hillsboro until after viewing the almost numberless beautiful residences upon High, Main and Walnut streets. These streets might properly be called avenues, they are so broad and so bountifully fringed with shade trees..... A more quiet, orderly, law abiding town cannot be found in Ohio. This, too, in view of the fact that there are fourteen bar rooms in the city. With a population approximating very closely to 4,000, a Marshall constitutes the only police force, and arrests are few, and rarely for other than trivial offences. The city is lighted by gas and electricity, arc lights being stationed at frequent intervals. The fire department is as effective as can well be the case in view of the fact that Hillsboro is without water works. Water works have several times been built (on paper), but a somewhat more substantial system is desirable - doubtless will materialize in the fullness of time..... " (to be continued in later issues)

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