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A Message from

THE PRESIDENT

The GOOD NEWS is, SPRING is just around the corner! However, as of this writing, the trees around my home in Sinking Spring are groaning and crackling under a layer of ice. I hope that your winter hours were spent enjoyably and that you are looking forward to another year of exciting activities at the HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM.

Our 1993 holiday season at the Museum was another rounding success. The 1993 "Our Town" collectible house selection of the Scott House was a SELLOUT, as usual. The theme for our celebration was "A Dickens Christmas" and docents were properly attired in period costumes. A twilight walking tour was led throughout the Historical District by HART HAYNES and refreshments were enjoyed by the group following the tour. A Santa's Tea Party was enjoyed by the younger set and was served by elves from the North Pole. Of course, the Museum was elegantly decorated and our Museum Store held many possible gift selections and wrapping items as well as fine art prints. Providing greenery and bows for the Museum entry and interior were Jean Head from Jean's Flowers and Bill and Lynn Musser from South High Lawn & Garden Center. Thanks goes to them, and to all the volunteers who provided a wonderful holiday treat for all of us.

We received notification recently that we will be awarded Certification from the Ohio Historical Society. This procedure has been championed by Deanna Filin and Hart Haynes. They worked tirelessly to document and up-date our procedures in order to qualify for certification. This award is made to museums who conform to the high professional standards and procedures set by the Ohio Historical Society.

The Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM) will be holding their annual district 7 meeting in Lebanon this year at the Warren County Historical Society on March 26. WE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH OUR CERTIFICATION AT THIS MEETING. A group will be carpooling to Lebanon to receive the award and for the interesting lecturers and panel discussions held throughout the day. PLEASE JOIN US! Call the Museum at 393-3392 and leave a message. We will call you with more information.

Many programs have been planned for this year. Coming up on May 1 is the Society sponsored HOME TOUR. This popular tour has not been held for a few years so we are all very anxious to see what Deanna Filin, Lenora Gordon and Kathryn Matthews have planned for us. Watch the Hillsboro Press Gazette and Museum Muses for more information, or call the Museum, leave a message, and we will get back with you.

Sondra Leibreich is working with Kelly Vanzant and the Herb Guild to have an herbal workshop and luncheon. The tentative date is May 14. A plant sale will be held in conjunction with the workshops.

The 4th of July will be different for us this year with the Festival of the Balls moving to the Highland County Fairgrounds. We are planning activities, however, and expect to have a large turnout at the corner of Main and East Streets. More details will follow at a later date.

Norman and Sondra Leibreich will be opening their beautiful gardens for the Historical Society's Garden Party again this year. A date has not been established as yet.

The 1994 meeting year will kick-off with local artisan Debbie Cook presenting our program on March 31 at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 p.m. Debbie is well known for her crafts in this area. Last year she created an ornament for the White House Tree. What an honor! Debbie is a wealth of talent and we are pleased to have her start our year of programs. Please join us for refreshments following the meeting.

NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER

Richard Filin

Beginning January 1, 1994, Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code requires new documentation to support qualified deductions (either in cash, property, goods or services) by individuals to 501(c)3 organizations such as the Highland County Historical Society. Any interested members should consult with their tax advisors regarding these changes.

Thank you! Thank you!

Butter's Our Remember

MARCH 26 OAHSM MEETING IN LEBANON
MARCH 31 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 8:00 P.M.
APRIL 4 TRUSTEES MEETING - 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 6 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
APRIL 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 8:00 P.M.
APRIL 31 & MAY 1 - MAYDAY CELEBRATION,
PONDICK FARM
MAY 1 HOME TOUR
MAY 14 HERBAL WORKSHOP - LUNCHEON

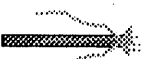
CERTIFICATION

The Highland County Historical Society is especially grateful to Deanna Filin who, during her term as President of the Society, first brought it to our attention that certification should be a goal for the Trustees to pursue. She encouraged the Trustees to begin the process of becoming certified. Hart Haynes continued the process through his successful completion. This has been a long process which required a great deal of work. The Trustees are pleased to announce the honor.

There are other members who helped to collect the information, and we would also wish to thank them at this time. We owe special tribute to Deanna and Hart for always keeping the goal of certification out in front, collecting the information, and preparing the material into the proper form required for the presentation.

MAYDAY CELEBRATION

Pondick Herb Farm
Saturday, April 31 & May 1, 1994
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Celebrate Spring in an old-fashioned way!
There will be MUSIC - A MAYPOLE - MAYWINE PUNCH and FOLK ARTISANS doing demonstrations along with an Herbal Luncheon which will be served 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
7190 Pondlick Road, Sugarree Ridge, Ohio
12 miles south of Hillsboro off of S.R. 136

MUSEUM CURATOR / DIRECTOR

We regret to inform the membership that Hart Haynes is no longer serving as our Director, a position which he had filled for the past few months. During his tenure we had attempted to keep more open hours at the Museum, and be more accessible to the public, with much success.

Now, on a temporary basis, for an interim period, we will rely on volunteers to handle Museum duties. All persons wishing to contact the Museum or the Historical Society should continue to reach us as always, by phoning 393-3392 or writing to us at 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro. Correspondence, phone messages or tour inquiries are being handled in a timely fashion by Society Officers and volunteers, until the Director's position is filled again.

Beginning immediately, applications will be considered from those interested in filling the Director's position. Any member of the Historical Society who might be interested in the position should notify us by writing to the Curator/Director Search Committee, c/o of the Museum. A copy of the job description and an application form will be provided to all those inquiring. If no suitable applicant is found among our membership by April 30, the position will be offered to the general public. With a very busy season of activities coming up, it is important to have someone in place to represent us to the public whenever necessary. Every effort will be made to insure that we have a Director on site as soon as possible.

BACKWARD GLANCE
Excerpts from The Hillsboro Gazette on the Farmer's Institute, March 1889.

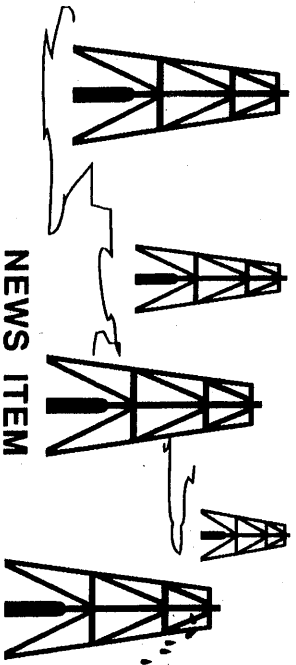
Friday morning large crowds could be seen wending their way to the old Temple of Justice where the 6th annual meeting of the Hillsboro Farmers Institute was to be held.

The foreign speakers sent us by the Ohio State Board of Agriculture were, F.A. Derrthick, of Portage County, Ohio and Theo F. Longenecker of Dayton, Ohio. A good choice, both being sure-enough practical farmers and pleasant earnest speakers, commending the best attention by everyone who had the pleasure to hear them.

Miss Edith Letherman gave a humorous recitation. The applause was deafening and she came back and gave a second recitation. The applause ewas repeated, and showed the great appreciation of the large audience.

This was followed by a lecture by F.A. Derrthick on "Why I Am A Farmer". He opened with some happy remarks, and said that he got his living by farming. He had stopped lately at a hotel kept by two maiden ladies and to one of their remarks to him that she did not believe he understood and practiced real husbandry, he replied that as he had a wife and five children at home, he thought he ought to thoroughly understand and had surely practiced real "husbandry". She blushed to say that she did not mean that. Well, anyway, he said he got his living by farming. He asked can there be any objection to the manner of me getting my living as a farmer for these reasons: because the farmer is independent, because he is certain of employment and idleness is the mother of vice; because of a sure living. You are your employer, boss and bossee. The farmer comes and goes as he pleases and asks no one but his wife, or he should at least. The farm offers quietude of life; it contains all that is beautiful in nature and last, but not least, pure air.

Mrs. M.A. Marr gave a lecture on "Our School System". She named one of the great mistakes in our school system as the Workman Law with the one director system. She urged her hearers to bend every effort toward its repeal and come back to the old order of three directors, and acknowledged our mistake. Then elect men of the highest, untarnished honor to the position of Director, and if men can not be found suitable, women can be found who would honor the office by holding it's sacred, mighty trust above suspicion. Elect men and women of high character, who can not be bought. Woman's influence is needed in the schools, as she is the child's natural teacher. Men, encourage your wives, mothers, sisters to take active interest in school affairs. The country schools are deteriorating. The remedy is to elevate the moral standard and develop moral character. This lecture was of the highest grade, and drew forth animated discussion and applause.



About two years ago there was considerable excitement in the Belfast neighborhood over the alleged discovery of oil, and a great deal of land was leased from the farmers in that section. Nothing more was done, and it was thought that the whole thing had been given up. Among the land that was leased was the splendid bottom farm of Philip M. Hughes, near the Serpent Mound, which was leased by a Pennsylvania Company. On Monday a force of men arrived and at once began the work of erecting derricks, and the work of sinking test wells will begin at once. The Company thinks the prospect for striking oil is very favorable.

A Note From . . . THE EDITOR

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 4.

Thanks to Fran Cole who graciously volunteered to typeset the newsletter on her computer.

~ ~ ~ ~ 1894 HUMOR ~ ~ ~ ~
 Money talks. Perhaps that's why they put a woman's head on the silver dollar.

SOME HIGHLAND COUNTY - MATTERS OF FACT

FAVORITE OHIO INVENTIONS: Circular Life Saving Net by Thomas F. Browder, Greenfield - 1887
OHIO AUTHOR: Charles Allen Smart, whose book, RFD, may still be found in used bookstores around Ohio, and is a worthy addition to your Ohioana. RFD is a carefully observed - and written - book. A year's sojourn on an Ohio Farm and a picture of how Highland County appeared to a man accustomed to brighter lights.
METEORITES: Perhaps the rarest rocks in Ohio. There have been only five meteorite "finds" (unwitnessed landings) and two "falls" (witnessed). One of the falls was witnessed on February 13, 1893, when a 1,98 pound meteorite came in from the Deep Cold near Pricetown, Highland County, Ohio.

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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We think we have planned a really exciting membership meeting for April 28, 1994, but it depend on YOU! We have encouraged some of our members who are antique dealers to be on hand that night. We invite you to bring an item that you may not be quite sure what it is. Did grandmother have this in her kitchen? Did you buy an old house and find this in the attic? Was it too curious to pass up at the auction? Bring it to the Highland House Museum on April 28 at 8:00 p.m. and we will try to identify it.

MARCH MEETING REPORT

Debbie Cook presented a lovely program at our March Membership Meeting. Debbie led us step by step through the process of raising sheep right up to weaving a garment. We were delighted to have her with us for the evening.

PLEASE NOTE - REMINDER

The Law Firm of Coss and Greer has kindly allowed members and friends of the Highland House Historical Society to use their parking facility during their non-business hours. Please remember that parking is available to us for evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoon usage ONLY.

The Gift Shop

At Christmas we reminded you of the many gift items that can be purchased at the Museum. Perhaps it is a good time to remind you again for Secretary's Day - Birthdays - Mother's Day, etc.

One of the special items to remind you about is the collection of framed and unframed prints of Highland County locations. The framed prints have been beautifully framed for us by Fields Craft House, Hillsboro. Be sure to visit the Museum and see these items. You may even wish to buy one as a special gift for yourself.

HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM, CERTIFICATION



In the MUSEUM MUSES you have read about the process of certification of our museum, you have been made aware of the fact that the process has been going on, and about the many people involved in completing the paper work needed to be done. We notified you in the last newsletter that the process was completed. On Saturday, March 26, 1994, John Glaze, Louise Hapner, Sondra Leibreich, Sara Lukens, and Margaret Van Frank attended the District Meeting at the Warren County Museum and received the Certificate of Accreditation from OAHSM.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

APRIL 28 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG. 8:00 p.m.
APRIL 30 &
MAY 1 PONDICK FARM FESTIVAL
MAY 1 ~ HISTORIC HOMES TOUR 12 - 5 p.m.
MAY 2 ~ TRUSTEES MTG. - 7:00 p.m.
MAY 8 ~ NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MAY 14 ~ HERB FAIR - 10:00 a.m.
MAY 26 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG. - 8:00 p.m.

Announcing

A SPRING TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES
Sponsored by
the Highland County Historical Society
Will be held on
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1994
12:00 NOON TO 5:00 P.M.

The Tour will start at the Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, and will include six other historic homes.

Tickets will be \$5.00 and can be purchased after April 15 at the News Reader in downtown Hillsboro, or at the Museum the day of the tour. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Museum Operating Fund.

WISH LIST

AUTOMATIC COFFEE MAKER

If you're planning to remodel your kitchen, and have some old cabinets you'd like to donate to the Historical Society, please call Fran Cole at 393-9356 (day) or 393-3365 (eve.)

Wanted by the Newsletter Editor - Interesting Historical Tidbits about Highland County places, families, events, etc. We would like to include some of them in the "Backward Glances" section of the newsletters. The items can be from our own family, or funny items from old newspapers, or letters.

The Editor and her committee reserve the right for final decisions on publishing. Send items for consideration to Catherine Meade, Editor, c/o Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133.

TRADITIONS FROM THE PAST - FOUND IN "COOKING NOW AND THEN"

Desserts were served in either elegant footed glass compotes (called Tazzas) or in handpainted or stenciled china bowls with matching individual sauce dishes. Some individual sauces numbered twelve.

New serving pieces were continually introduced, often related to the sudden fad for certain foods.

Oyster Forks - 1840's
Asparagus Forks & Tongs - 1850's
Ice Cream Spoons - 1860's
Ice Cream Knives - 1870's

Ice Cream Forks - 1880's
Orange Spoons - 1880's
Oyster Server - 1880's

BACKWARD GLANCES

AN OLD HOUSE SPEAKS

By Nina Glenn Huggins from her book "Village Verse

An old house has a language that it speaks,
A certain floor-board cracks, a stair-step creaks,
Sometimes the wind blows round a loosened pane

And hums an eerie tune against the rain,
A rusty door-hinge squeaks, a shutter bangs,
There is a window weight that often clangs.
But undisturbed by noises, cracks and creaks,
The tranquil silence of an old house speaks.

JUNE DOORLEY'S SUNDAY DINNER AT THE HIGHLAND HOUSE INN

Country Fried Chicken
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Vegetables in season:

green beans, peas, *creamed baked onions, *bleached asparagus in cheese sauce.

Salads:

Molded lemon jello with carrots and cabbage on a bed of finely chopped lettuce with *homemade mayonnaise, or *Date Nut Pudding, *White Cake, *Homemade Ice Cream

Homemade Biscuits or *Hot Rolls - June's Jams and Jellies were served with each meal.

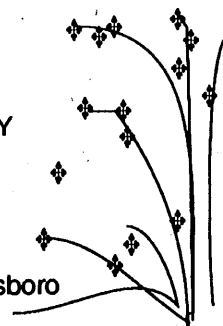
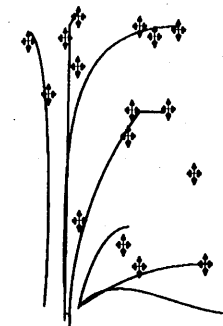
*These recipes can be found in the Recipe Book "Cooking Then and Now", Treasured Recipes and Anecdotes Collected For The Highland County Historical Society, 1990, which may be purchased at The Highland House Museum.

HERB FAIR

THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HERB GUILD
Presents

THE SECOND ANNUAL HERB FAIR
MAY 14, 1994 - 10:00 A.M.

Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro



This year the HERB FAIR features two workshops on the practical uses of herbs by guild members, DEBBIE COOK and SUSAN GINGERICH. Debbie will be featured in a 10:30 workshop on lotions and cosmetics. The workshop will include hands on experience in making your own hand lotion and lip balm with samples of each to take home.

A lunch will be served with an emphasis on herbs and will consist of Wild Rice and Mushroom Soup with Rosemary and Thyme, Minted Fresh Fruit Salad, a wide selection of Herb Muffins and a refreshing beverage.

At a 1:00 p.m. workshop, participants will be treated to Susan Gingerich's alter ego the "Herb Lady" in the log house behind the Highland House. Susan will transport the group back in time to give common solutions to everyday complaints. We will sample different teas.

A wide selection of herbs including medicinal plants will be available for sale. The Herb Guild will have a book display as well as a variety of products for purchase.

Cost for the day long workshop and luncheon is \$10.00 per person. Parking will be available at the Presbyterian Church. Reservations are required and must be received no later than May 7.



RESERVATION FORM



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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_____ Reservations at 10.00 each

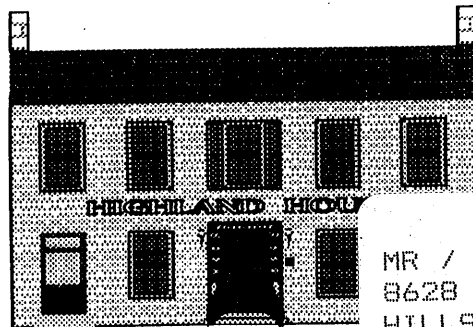
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From the desk of

President

SARA LUKENS



Spring is here at last! The herb garden at the Highland House is exceptionally lush and beautiful this year. You will remember that Paula Wright of Pond Lick Herb Farm planted it for us under Deanna Flinn's presidency. Kathryn Matthews worked diligently to have it weeded and presentable for the house tour (read on for more about that) and planted pansies as well. The Memorial Peony Patch under the direction of Jones is coming along nicely and is expected to be in bloom later this month.

The April Membership Meeting was chaired by John Glaze who asked the question "WHAT IS IT?" Members brought in items that they had been unable to identify and asked the group to help with identification. It was an interesting evening. Refreshments were provided for us by Margaret Van Frank and Sara Lukens.

Our May Membership Meeting will take us to the cemetery where Charles Harsha will be discussing monuments of note, belonging to those prominent in our history as well as veterans of the military. This seemed to be an appropriate time of the year to visit our well kept cemetery and we hope you will join us. We will start our meeting earlier this month in order to accommodate our outside activity before dark. Please meet at the Highland House Museum at 7:00 p.m. and we will arrange car pooling to the cemetery. We will meet back at the Museum later for refreshments following the meeting. Our hostess will be Deanna Flinn.

We are currently involved in setting up our schedule for Sunday afternoon open hours. We would appreciate having YOU host the Highland House Museum on Sunday afternoons. If you would be interested in volunteering one or more days, please call the Museum at 393-3392 and be sure to leave a message

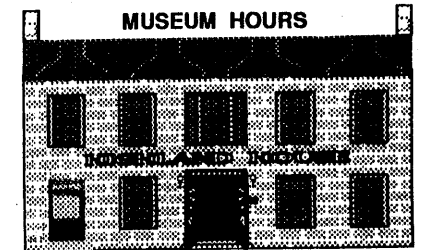
Deepest Sympathy

The Board of Trustees wishes to express its sympathy at the death of NELLIE FINLEY, a wonderful, long time friend of the Historical Society. Her many contributions to the society have benefited it greatly. We also wish to thank those who have made donations in Nellie's memory.

Lenore & Si Gordon
Bea & Bill Turner

Willa and Walter Stanforth
The Highland County Republican
Executive and Central Committee

MUSEUM HOURS



FRIDAYS - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAYS - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 26 ~ ~ Membership Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
MAY 30 ~ ~ Memorial Day
JUNE 6 ~ ~ Trustees Meeting
JUNE 10 ~ ~ Newsletter Deadline
JUNE 11 ~ ~ D-Day Celebration
JUNE 30 ~ ~ Membership Mtg.

Many, Many Thanks

The 1994 House Tour Committee, LENORE GORDON, KATHRYN MATTHEWS AND DEANNA FLINN would like to thank the following members and friends of the society for their help on Sunday, May 1st.

Working at the HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM were Margaret Van Frank, Robert Jones, Sondra Leibreich, Sara Lukens, Pam Nickell and her daughter, Valissa, Shirley Steele, Charles and Inez Harsha, Joyce McGee, Nancy Woollems, and Harriet Fenner.

The SCOTT HOUSE was shown courtesy of Sally Sanders.

Attending the C. S. BELL MANSION were Dr. and Mrs. Odland, Liz and Kevin Keister, Nancy Strawmyer, Jeanine Holt, Jeanne Wilkerson, Nedra and Robert Andrew, Doranna Nicely, Debbie and Katie Wilson and Norma Kelly.

The BOYD HOUSE was shown by Shirley Sansone, Susie Sharp, Mary Bennett, Signa Dixon, and the Tharp Family, with special

thanks to Nelson, Jr., Chrissa, Lisa, and Michele.

The Hiestand House was on display with the help of family members, Helen and Ed, Linda Dennis, Mary and Janis Hiestand. Assisting them were Ellie and Bill Shields, Julie Henry, Catherine and Ken Meade.

Gretchen and Bill Huffman were assisted at the MATHER / VOGEL / HUFFMAN HOME by Willa Stanforth, Louise Hapner, Martha Lukens, Ginny Norvell, Mary Beth Heskett, Helen Satterfield, Kate Reffitt, and Marge Barney.

The TRIMBLE / THOMPSON HOME was shown by owners Peggy and Buck Quickle and family members, Sarah Stutsman, Barbara Werich, Rusty and Natalie Creed.

Through the cooperative effort of many community businesses and our volunteers, we were able to raise over \$2,000.00 to benefit the Highland House Museum.

BACKWARD GLANCES

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - With the signing of the Adoption of By-Laws on June 10, 1965, the creation of the Highland County Historical Society was complete. Robert Hodson, Temporary Chairman, signed the historic form. The original Trustees were: R. E. Evans, Violet Morgan, Edith DeCazenove, John B. Thompson and Elsie Ayres. Fred Keeler became the first President of the society. As the society's next president, Joe Rockhold served the office until his death in 1982. Charles Harsha then became the third president to serve.

Robert Yacubian was the society's first curator from 1965 - 1976 along with R. E. Evans who served from 1965 - 1968. Virginia McCoy Bare then served as curator from 1976-1988.

With the help of Virginia Bell Thompson, who provided the initial funds to secure the purchase of the Highland House, the society gained its permanent home in 1968.

A gracious home, circa 1844-1847, The Highland House contains fourteen rooms for display of antique furniture, textiles, paintings and artifacts pertaining to Highland County. It also houses a large meeting room for monthly programs, March through October.

OHIO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE

OHIO, GET READY!!!! The state's bicentennial year is only nine years away, and the state is helping to initiate plans for celebrating Ohio's 200th birthday celebration in 2003. The commission's executive committee will operate for ten years starting January 1, 1995 and consists of the governor, two members of the senate, two members of the house of representatives, the superintendent of public education, the director of the department of development, the director of the Ohio Historical Society, the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and six residents from the state. They will be charged with determining the sites in the state especially appropriate for celebrating the bicentennial, considering proposed events by local governments and civic organizations and submitting recommendations to the governor, the Ohio Historical Society and state legislators. They are looking for many groups, including historical societies for ideas. There needs to be a comprehensive action plan developed that will have lasting effects for all Ohioans. When the call goes out for ideas to celebrate Ohio's bicentennial, let the Commission hear your thoughts.

To refresh your memory, one outcome of the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1953 was the Corporate Limit Makers which record important events of contributions of towns in capsule form on markers located on highways at the boundaries of Ohio towns. Also, at that time, as part of the state's 150th Anniversary observance, Adena, home of Governor Thomas Worthington of Chillicothe, was restored and partially refurnished.

HILLSBORO MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Memorial Day Parade has a different route and time this year. The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the City Building and will proceed to the Hillsboro High School football field where the annual Memorial Day Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. The theme of the parade is "Children" and will include more youth participation. Tribute will be given to those who served in wars from the country's beginning to the present and will include the traditional 21-gun salute and Taps.

HELP HELP Help
HELP HELP
**WE ARE
STILL LOOKING
FOR SOME OLD
CABINETS**
**TO PLACE IN OUR PROPOSED
KITCHEN AT THE MUSEUM.
IF YOU ARE REPLACING YOUR
CABINETS AND WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE THEM TO THE HISTORICAL
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FROM THE PRESIDENT, SARA LUKENS

Will it ever rain? Hillsboro is suffering from a lack of rain, but some parts of Highland County have received plenty. Rainsboro, we hear, had 3 inches on Tuesday, June 7. Our herb, rose and peony gardens at Highland House look marvelous just the same. Jones tells me that next year the peonies should have matured to the point where they will have magnificent blooms.

We were quite fortunate to have had Charles Harsha as our program guide for the May membership meeting. Charles is Highland County's foremost source of information on cemeteries. While at the museum, Mr. Harsha gave a brief description of the layout of the cemetery, after which, he gave the group a tour through the cemetery chapel and the grounds. He pointed out monuments belonging to citizens of note from our community.

Those of particular interest were C.S. Bell and family and the Collins family. As the evening air was becoming somewhat chilly, we returned to the Highland House where Deanna Flinn had hot tea ready for us, as well as a beautifully laid table of sweets. Thank you Charles and Deanna for providing us with a wonderful evening.

The June membership meeting on JUNE 30 is our ANNUAL MEETING. The nominating committee composed of Lenora Gordon, Louise Hapner, and Margaret VanFrank will submit names of individuals for consideration by our full membership for trustee terms of three years. This will be the major business to be conducted. We have been invited by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Farwell to their lovely farm and home on State Route 753 for our ANNUAL MEETING PICNIC. We will dine in a meadow and be able to enjoy the surrounding countryside. Loren tells me that the birding is good there, but Millie tells me to watch out for the Poison Ivy!

Here is how you can reach the Farwells: Take Route 50, East, to the Rocky Fork Truck Stop, turn right and continue past North Shore Drive, McCoppin Mill Road, and the sign that states that the road is closed (we won't be going that far). The Farwells' home is about 1/2 mile past McCoppin Mill on the left side of the road.
6636 State Route 753

Bring covered dish & table service

Louise Hapner will provide our drinks. Bring along your lawn chair and prepare to enjoy yourself. We will be enjoying our natural surroundings and sharing memories of our members who have served in the military. If you served your county in the United States Military, please come and tell us about your experiences. WE WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M., not the usual 8:00, since this is a dinner meeting. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME. We will all meet at the Farwells Farm, not the museum.

Kathryn Matthews has been so busy in the herb garden; weeding and planting. If you pass by and see someone in the garden in a straw hat, working feverishly, it's Kathryn. Thanks for making our herb bed so beautiful.

On June 11, The Highland County Historical Society had a number of items displayed at the Colony Theater D-Day Commemorative Showing of "The Longest Day". We shared many WW II items from our collection. We also wish to thank those who worked so hard to show our appreciation for those who served our country so valiantly.

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN ON JULY 1, 2, AND 3 to celebrate the 4th of July and The Festival Of The Bells. Our hours will be 1-5 on Friday the 1st; 12-4 on the 2nd; and 1-4 on the 3rd. We hope you will stop by. The dining room will be specially decorated and the table set, as well as a number of other new acquisitions on display, including new books, and Rockwood Pottery.

We will also have a display of doctors' items used in our area. The display will feature medical doctors, dentists and veterinarians. A little something different for the summer.

It is the intention of the Highland County Historical Society to feature the bells of C.S. Bell Manufacturing Company during the festival. We will have available, information regarding the company and a self-guided tour of our museum's collection of C.S. Bell items which may surprise even those of you who are familiar with our collection. We are also hoping to be able to have the local newspaper publish information about C.S. Bell and its products. Please join us at some point on weekend. We think you will be pleased with small changes and pleasant additions.

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MAY - JUNE 1994

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Trustees of the Highland County Historical Society met on July 11 to elect new officers. Seated in their new positions were:

JACK GARMAN President	KATHRYN MATTHEWS Secretary
LENORA GORDON Vice-President	PAULINE WARD Treasurer

The trustees also accepted the resignations of Margaret VanFrank and Sara Lukens in order for them to fill the Director's position. Elected to fill their unexpired one-year terms are, Deanna Flinn and Russ Newman.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS

The Highland County Historical Society held their Annual Picnic and Meeting on June 30 at the lovely country home of Loren and Millie Farwell on Route 753 east of Rocky Fork Lake. We dined under a canopy of trees that border the yard. A delicious carry-in meal was enjoyed by all. The view of the Rocky Fork Lake is spectacular from the Farwell's Ridgeview Farm. Our evening was very full with hayrides and tours of the beautifully restored Farwell home.

In that we had recently commemorated the 50th Anniversary of D-Day and Flag Day had just passed - it was fitting to invite veterans in attendance to share their experiences with the group. Grateful applause was attendant upon the gentlemen who gave detailed accounts of their military days. We were pleased to have Harold Hottle, Jack Garman and Loren Farwell grace us with their war-time stories.

It was gratifying to have such a large group present to elect two new trustees to our board. Mary Beth Heskett and Loren Farwell were unanimously elected to each serve a three year term. Mary Beth has been a tremendous asset to the society. She has worked on the Christmas Open House Committee, the Peter Rabbit Tea Party and Santa Tea Party Committees. Loren Farwell has worked with Jack Garman on the Building and Grounds Committee and is very interested in restoration. We welcome both of them to the Board of Trustees. We know you will enjoy getting

to know them, and working with them. At our July Membership Meeting we will welcome Dr. Ted Perin, a Highland County native, who will present our program. Dr. Perin will highlight for us a series of correspondence that passed between Hillsboro and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio a number of years ago. This program was received with great enthusiasm when presented to the Esoteric Club in October of 1993. Many names mentioned will be familiar to you. Please plan to attend and welcome Ted. The meeting will be held at the Highland House Museum on 151 East Main Street in Hillsboro at 8:00 p.m. Rosemary Ryan will be our hostess for the evening.



ATTENTION!
 IN LIEU OF THE REGULAR AUGUST MEETING, WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US AT THE VICTORIAN ICE CREAM FESTIVAL. PLEASE READ THE ARTICLE FEATURED ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Can You Help
 Fill The Void?????

The family of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald C. West have asked that the pump organ in the west parlor be returned to them. This loss from our collection leaves a void in the parlor. If you have a pump organ that you would be willing to donate to the Society, please contact us at 513-393-3392.

PLEASE HELP US SOLVE A MYSTERY

Will the kind individual who left the boxes of newspapers on the back step of the museum please let us know who you are so we can properly thank you, and find out what items of significance may be included?

The Membership Committee reminds us that the Society Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30, so all annual memberships are due for renewal NOW! We urge you to join, or renew now, and help support the Society and Museum with your membership fee and donations. THANKS!

M/M Julius Bare	M/M Wilbur Carr
Bill, Dianne & Will Fawley	John & Jeanine Holt
Marmo Harris	Clarence Thurman
Ann Rhude	Adaline Hartman
M/M Clyde Maines	Gary & Lois Drake
Paul & Ruth Bates	Judge & Mrs. McMullen
M/M Elmer Wilkerson	Mrs. Charles Curtin
M/M S. R. Gordon	Don & Paula Wright
Eloise Yochum	M/M Robert Andres
John Ault	M/M Ralph Keich
M/M Thomas Gall	Todd & Mary Beth Heskett
Shirley Sansone	Jack Garman
Wait & Willa Stanforth	Dr. Roy Rogers
M/M James Morrow	M/M James Morrow
Lowell Cowman	James Gibbs Family
Daryl Overstake	James Gibbs Family

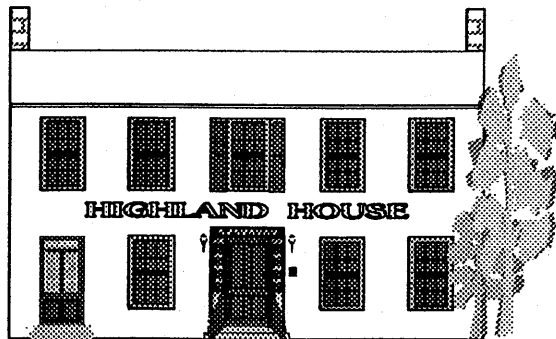
The Society acknowledges, with appreciation, the following members who have recently renewed their annual membership:

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HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

A NEW ADDITION

The Society has recently received a painting by Norman Naylor. The painting depicts the scene pictured on the curtain at Bell's Opera House. We are so pleased to have this on view to the public. We hope you will stop by the museum to see this lovely painting which is displayed on the wall above the landing of the stairs.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To these fine people who have been volunteering to staff the Highland House Museum on Sunday afternoons:
 Rosalind Engle - Joyce McGee - Harriet Fenner - Deanna Flinn - Ford Matthews - Kathryn Matthews - Willa Stanforth - Shirley Sansone - Margaret Ludwick - Robert Jones and Louise Hapner.

This excerpt is from "Folklore of Highland County" by Violet Morgan

The young folks used to gather along White Oak and indulge in their favorite game of gigging. They would make up a party for a certain night. The boys went along the banks and gathered tall, dry horseweeds. Tying them in bundles they scattered them along the banks where they intended to gig, the places usually being at the back waters of a dam.

One boy carried a torch made from the horseweeds. Others waded in the water and searched for fish. They gigged them with gigs, long spear-like sticks with two iron or steel prongs fastened in one end.

In Memory Of

The Highland County Historical Society has received contribution in memory of NELLIE FINLEY from the following:

Mildred Bradford M/M Paul Pence
 Paul J. Brown Chapter 441, Order of
 Virginia Bare Eastern Star
 Kim Fairley

The Society also received a contribution in memory of MARY PERIN PARRY from Virginia Reed.

This portion of a poem by Caspar Collins is included for your summertime enjoyment. Read it and perhaps it will transport you to the bank of a cool stream during these hot days. This is excerpted from F.R. Harris' Hometown Chronicles and is referring to Paint Creek which runs alongside the city of Greenfield in Highland County.

*"Green in the forest, blue in the sky,
 Calm in the spirit as its waters flow by;
 The azure above, the current's low tone
 Give token that man is with nature alone.*

*The soul drifts away from hurry and clatter,
 The ear is not vexed by unmeaning
 chatter;
 The music we hear as we lie at our ease
 Is murmur of stream and rustle of trees."*

BACKWARD GLANCES

The following items were found in the July 8, 1898 issue of the Hillsboro Gazette.


This is the way that the following goods enumerated below will be sold from now on for a short time:

BABY SHOES	.09 - .50	PAIR
MISSES & CHILDREN'S SHOES	.50 - \$1.50	PAIR
LADIES SHOES	.30 - \$2.50	PAIR
CHILDREN'S OXFORDS	.40 - \$1.00	PAIR
MISSES' OXFORDS	.45 - \$1.25	PAIR
LADIES' OXFORDS	.50 - \$2.00	PAIR


seeing is Believing!

Therefore we invite you to come in and see the BARGAINS we are offering, and be convinced that they cannot be beat.

CHARLES E. HAYNES
 Cheap Cash Corner Boot and Shoe Store



Ole' Fashioned Ice Cream Festival



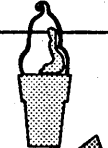
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1994
 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

AT THE HOME OF NORMAN & SONDRALIBREICH
 921 North High Street, Hillsboro
 DRESS OPTIONAL
 (Rain Date: Sunday, August 14)



TICKETS

ADULTS - \$5.00
 CHILDREN - \$2.50



TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AT THE NEWSREADER IN HILLSBORO, AT THE MUSEUM ON FRIDAYS FROM 1 - 5 P.M. OR SUNDAYS FROM 1 - 4 P.M. OR BY MAIL. If you wish to purchase your ticket through the mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment.

MAIL TO:
 HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 151 EAST MAIN STREET, HILLSBORO, OH 45133

This year's event will feature homemade ice cream, beautifully decorated cakes, lemonade, and of course - Sondra's Famous Champagne Punch.

The Star Attraction of the event is a concert by the group "FAMILY AND FRIENDS"

There will be BOAT RIDES - HORSESHOES - CROQUET - & FACE PAINTING for the children



HAVE A QUESTION, OR WANT FURTHER INFORMATION???

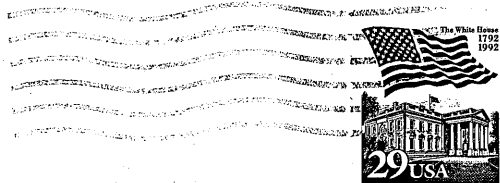
CALL: SONDRALIBREICH AT 393-9615 OR ANN AT 393-1255

NEWLETTER Catherine Meade, Chr. - Cole, Lukens
 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES Sondra Leibreich, Chr. - Matthews, Lukens
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 HOUSE TOURS Lenora Gordon, Chr. - Heskett, Postle
 PUBLIC RELATIONS Lukens - VanFrank - Hapner, Co-Chrs.
 ACQUISITIONS VanFrank - Lukens - Hapner, Co-Chrs.
 POLICY REVIEW Louise Hapner, Chr. - Garman, Nickell
 VOLUNTEERS Deanna Flinn & Lenora Gordon, Co. Chrs.
 HERB GUILD Sondra Leibreich, Chr. - Heskett
 KITCHEN Fran Cole, Chr. - VanFrank, Lukens
 MEMBERSHIP Louise Hapner, Chr. - Wilkerson, Ludwick, Matthews
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 ARCHIVES Eloise Postle, Chr. - Nickell, VanFrank, Lukens
 NOMINATING Louise Hapner, Chr. - Newman, Pierce-Hope
 PROGRAM Mary Beth Heskett, Chr. - Lukens, VanFrank
 GIFT SHOP Louise Hapner, Chr.

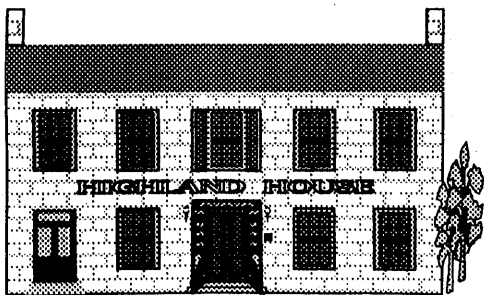
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From the President's Desk



I was happy to see such a good crowd at our July Membership Meeting. Ted Perin, who is formerly of Hillsboro, was our speaker. Many of Ted's friends came out to greet him. Everyone had a nice evening and I thank Ted for being with us.

The first committee I appointed was Membership, and I am happy to report how well they are doing. Louise Hapner, Jeanne Wilkerson and Margaret Ludwick - THANK YOU! And thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership or become new members.

The Old Fashioned Ice Cream Festival was well attended on August 7 at Norman and Sondra Leibreich's home on High Street. "Family and Friends" played for our entertainment and everyone had a pleasant afternoon. This event served as our August membership meeting. Our next membership meeting will be September 29, 1994 at the Highland House Museum. I hope to see you there.

July Membership Meeting Report

Dr. Ted Perin of Oxford, Ohio, who is a former resident of Hillsboro, presented our program at the July Membership Meeting on the 28th. Ted spoke to us about a series of letters that passed from Hillsboro to Oxford between Dr. Samuel Steele and Samuel Galloway. Dr. Steele was minister at the Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro. Galloway went on to the office of Secretary of State of Ohio and was largely responsible for organizing the education system as we know it today. The letters point out the relationships between many great people and our early citizens. Abraham Lincoln was known to be a friend of Galloway. It is also known through these letters that the issues of slavery, Texas and temperance were being formally discussed in Hillsboro in 1837. Dr. Perin also noted that at the time of these letters, "no Presbyterian had actually danced but some had given countenance to it". Dr. Steele suggested that this was to be addressed on Sunday morning.

Managers' Report & MARGARET VANFRANK & SARA LUKENS

We have been very busy in the Museum. Primarily, cataloging has been our priority with plans for kitchen renovation a close second. Everyday business of the Museum seems to take up a great deal of time. Margaret and I are quite pleased that so many of you are taking the time to drop by the Museum and help out with a project, make an inquiry or just visit. Please continue to do so! The Museum is here for your education, information and enjoyment.

AND

During the month of July, the Highland House was host to 104 visitors, including one classroom of students, one guest from Mexico and two guests from Thailand. This is in addition to the many who came from our local area and the State of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Farwell have very generously donated several years back issues of OLD HOUSE JOURNAL to our library. These are bound in notebooks, complete with indexes. We will now have a resource for questions that come to us regarding restoration. Please take advantage of these publications. Stop by the Museum on Fridays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. or call, and we will be happy to assist you.

Betty Wilkin has made a charming dried flower wreath for our dining room table. Betty grew and dried the materials for the wreath. It is a nice addition to the room and we think those of you who are interested in growing, drying, and using herbs and flowers will enjoy this in particular. Betty also made another wreath for hanging in the kitchen to beautify our Museum. Thanks, Betty.

Anyone who contributed cakes for the Ice Cream Social, please pick up plates and carriers at Anne Rhude's Gable House.

BACKWARD GLANCES

In the Highland House Museum there is a book entitled *MELODIES OF THE W.C.T.U. MOTHER GOOSE*, dedicated to "The Children of the Crusade State" by Millie Andrews Bell, published by Ohio W.C.T.U., Cleveland, Ohio, 1885. The following are samples of the adapted Nursery Rhymes.

*Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,
To tell the children the use of corn;
'Tis good to feed to cattle and sheep
And makes good Johnny Cake, sweet and cheap
Makes Boston brown bread, mixed with rye,
And isn't that good with beans? O My!*"

*Hippety-Hop to our workshop
To see the boys work handy,
Tools they take, and nick-nacks make,
And drink no beer or brandy.*

*Cock-a-doodle-doo for the W.C.T.U.
The liquor league is losing ground,
And don't know what to do.
Cock-a-doodle-doo, what is the league to do?
Work at the polls, for drunkard's souls,
Alas! abd get them, too.*

*Sing a song of sixpence,
You fellow full of rye,
With not a cent to bury you,
Tomorrow should you die.
The keeper's in the bar-room,
Counting out his money,
His wife is in the parlor,
With well-dressed sis and sonny.
Your wife has gone out working,
And washing people's clothes,
To pay for old-rye whiskey,
To color your red nose.*

Memorial

In Memory Of
NELLIE FINLEY
by
Evelyn B. Durkee
and
M/M William Pitcher

OF LOCAL INTEREST

The following is taken from Snake Signals, a new publication from the Serpent Mound and Ohio Brush Creek Alliance.

The above group of concerned citizens was formed in April, 1994 to serve as a watchdog organization and information clearinghouse for the Ohio Brush Creek watershed and Serpent Mound State Memorial areas. Since the Serpent Mound has recently been placed on the Top Ten Endangered Sites list, this group is attempting to preserve the area and is joining the Ohio EPA, The National Park Service, Department of the Interior and other groups in opposing the proposed Cedar Lake development so as to preserve what is left of the natural and historic environment in Ohio.

If you are interested in further information, a copy of the Newsletter can be found at the Highland House Museum. You are also encouraged to write to the Ohio Governor and your State and U.S. Representatives and Senators. If you are interested in supporting the group, membership is \$10.00, payable to Tom Johnson, P.O. Box 52, Seaman, Ohio 45679.



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 1
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving
Wall at the FACT Park

SEPTEMBER 5
Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10
Newsletter Deadline

SEPTEMBER 29
September Membership Meeting



Next Home in Series - Trimble/Thompson

Do you have a working FAX machine that you are planning to replace? Would you want to donate your old machine to the Historical Society? Just call the museum and let us know.

Ice Cream Social Report

The Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social was a glorious success on August 7. The weather was very cooperative, and the festival was well attended. Many of the guests were seen to be attired in clothing reminiscent of earlier years, but for most, comfort was the byword of the day. A selection of homemade ice cream in many flavors was available as well as beautifully decorated cakes of every description. Norman and Sondra Leibreich's immaculately groomed grounds were welcoming for those who enjoyed a stroll, or just chose to sit and visit. A concert featuring The Family and Friends was enjoyed by all, and we wish to take this time to thank them for their moving performance.

Those who assisted in providing a lovely afternoon for us were:

AVERY APPEGATE
JUNE BOWMAN
FRAN COLE
ELEANOR CORNELIUS
CATHY FORD
LENORA GORDON
ADALINE HARTMAN
MARY BETH HESKETT

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RUSS ROEVER
LINDA ROEVER
SUSIE SHARP
REUBEN SWANSON
MARGARET VANFRANK
JEANNA WILKERSON

This listing of those who assisted is not complete and will be continued in the next Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP UP-DATE

The Membership Committee expresses its gratitude for the friends who have recently joined, or renewed their memberships. We acknowledge, with great pleasure, two new Life Members: MRS. WINSTON (Clara Ayres) DUCKWORTH of Columbus, and MRS. ROBERT (Margaret) VANFRANK, our Museum Co-Manager.

New and renewed annual memberships, since our last report, are:

Carolyn Colletts
Josephine Anglin
Walter Garman
Glenn & Opal Armstrong
M/M Albert Fling
M/M James Herzberg
Rev. & Mrs. John Carson
Lowell Chaney
Raymond Hixon
M/M Robert Larkin
M/M Carroll McKinney
Ed & Kris Norris
Lester & Jean Wallis
Marvin & Mitzi Wilson
Mrs. Harry Bennett
M/M Harold Blanton
M/M Bill Pitcher
Daisy Nave
M/M Rennick Rittenhouse
Kay York Longworth
Kathleen & Chris Fuller

Frances M. Cole
Mary Hamilton
Ruth Hunt
Dr. Joseph Moran
M/M Leland Pennington
M/M Orville Newman
M/M Bill Siddons
Bill Bowman Family
Ivor & Ferne Jones
Dave & Kay Ayres
John R. Evans
Mildred Barnes
Mrs. Connor Dunlap
Dr. Brunacini Family
Hugh & Lillian Chaney
M/M Lawrence Frazer
Marjorie E. Reno
Lucille Walker
M/M Dan Nartker
M/M Heber Wilkin
Bob & Nedra Andrew

Avery Applegate
Coral Baker
Ted & Eileen Salter
M/M Russell Newman
Martha B. Steimil
Rosemary Ryan
Harriet Fenner
Elinor Cornelius
Tom Horst Family
Eleanor Larkin
M/M Bill Musser
Ken Ludwick
M/M Calvin Pyle
Ray Roberts
M/M Richard Flinn
M/M Paul Garinger
M/M Richard Bowman
M/M Edward Cameron
Judge & Mrs. Richard Davis
Lelia Darman
Jane Hill

Margaret Hudson
Mrs. Lew Lamb
M/M Loren Farwell
Robert Turner Jones
Margaret Ludwick
Leslie Ramsey
Robert Gamble
Mrs. Joe Hiestand
Mary Huggins McBride
Betty Powell
M/M Joe Taylor
M/M Jack Hope
M/M John Chaney
Rosalind Engle
Helen Evans
Dick Lukens Family
Sue Hamilton
Gene McCann
Betty Saum

New membership cards are being sent to those who have not already received them. The new cards are lovely; they contain the engraving of the Highland House, and were provided to us by Highland County Printers through the kindness of Trustee Fran Cole.

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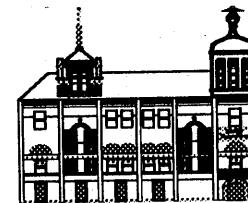
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BELL'S OPERA HOUSE

In 1995, the Bell's Opera House will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Lenora Gordon would like to collect any pictures, memorabilia, or stories and recollections you have about the Opera House. Perhaps you have a favorite memory of a graduation, movie or performance you would like to share. Please let Lenora know by calling her at 393-1303 or sending it to her at 315 Oak Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.



From The Managers' Desk

Work has been progressing nicely in the military room. The floor has been painted, and a stencil will be added. New painted blinds have been hung in order to protect our collections in that room from the strong afternoon sun.

Plans are moving along in the kitchen and work is scheduled to begin in October on the floor which is in great need of sprucing up.

We have been digging around in the basement and have found a couple of objects to help display our items in the Museum store. "Someone's trash is another's treasure"

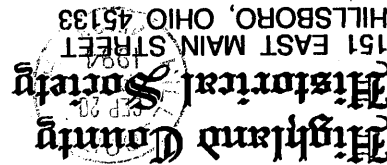
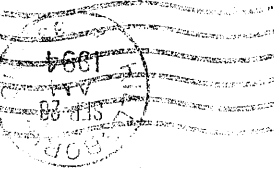
We have been fortunate in the last months to receive a number of items from our friends and cataloging them has kept us quite busy. One of our goals is to use and display the items in our collection in new and more visible ways. With this approach we hope to make each visit to the Museum a fresh experience, whether you visit weekly, monthly or yearly.

WHERE COULD YOU FIND ALL THESE INTERESTING ARTIFACTS FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF HIGHLAND COUNTY?????

An old bread toaster and cabbage cutter; a bear trap; a children's umbrella stand; the large bookcase presented to U.S. Senator and Ohio Governor J.B. Foraker; a Hoosier Cabinet; paintings by local artists; the old telephone switchboard from the Hillsboro office; the grand piano, ca. 1896 from Hillsboro High School; the Duncan Phyfe center table, ca. 1820; the half canopy bed; children's toys from the turn of the century; the cannon-ball rope bed, ca. 1820; a tin bath tub from the mid-nineteenth century; and an 1860 McGuffey reading chart from Chaney School on Route 131, South of Pricetown.

OF COURSE, all of these are found at the Highland House Museum in Hillsboro. If you have not been to the Museum recently, all of these items, plus many more are there for your enjoyment.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership renewals continue to come in regularly, and the Society acknowledges receipt of the following memberships for the current year:

M/M Robert Blair
Mary E. Hollister Family
M/M William Horne
M/M I. W. Kibler
M/M Kenneth Meade

Gary A. McDaniel
Virginia Norvell
M/M George Roush
Mary A. Roush
Eleanor Saur

Dr. & Mrs. Rob Sharp
Betty Wilkin
Ernest Williamson
M/M John Williamson

In addition, we are pleased to report that Ms. Ellen Duncanson and Mrs. John (Betty) Dodds have contributed \$100.00 each to become LIFE MEMBERS. This group of Life-Time supporters now number 39 persons who have made a significant contribution to the success of the Highland County Historical Society. Would you like to be a part of this group too? We can accept contributions and designations of "LIFE MEMBERS" at any time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29
Dinner at the Log House
Program by Blacksmith, Ron Turpin

OCTOBER 6
Trustees' Meeting
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 10
Newsletter Deadline

OCTOBER 27
Trick or Treat for children
at Highland House Museum
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting
Paul Young, Guest speaker
8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER
"Have a Happy Thanksgiving"

DECEMBER 11
We invite all members, non-members, grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Mothers and Fathers to bring their special little ones to the CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY



BACKWARD GLANCES

When my father, Fay Gustin, was sheriff of Highland County back in the 1940's and 50's, my mother filled the position of Jail Matron and Cook for the prisoners. She cooked exactly the same for them as for us; in fact, our meals were served from the same pot as theirs.

During the years most of the jail population was made up of short-term confinements for minor misdemeanors, such as drunkenness, fighting, vagrancy, etc. and we got to know the "regulars" rather well.

When I was living in Florida, my mother came to visit me, intending to stay for two weeks. She had hired a woman to cook and take care of the cleaning (at the jail) during her absence and thought she had things at home rather well in hand. However, she had only been there about three days when my father telephoned and asked her to come home post-haste because the prisoners were on a hunger strike because they did not like the cooking. They said they wanted "Edna's beans and cornbread"; that "the new cook had no seasoning in the beans and the cornbread was hard as rocks." My mother packed her bags and went home the next day.

I do not know about the beans - just plain old Great Nothern Beans with a hunk of bacon, I think, but here is her recipe for "Good Old Ohio Cornbread." This recipe is in the COOKING THEN AND NOW - The Highland County Historical cookbook.
Margene Gustin Monts de Oca

Good Old Ohio Cornbread

1 C. All purpose flour 1 Egg
1 C. Yellow cornmeal 1 C. Milk
4 tsp. Baking powder 3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 C. Melted shortening

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Sift flour with baking powder, and salt. Stir in cornmeal. Add egg, milk and shortening. Beat until smooth and well-mixed. Pour into greased pan (a cast-iron skillet that you melted the shortening in is good). Bake 20-25 minutes in oven. (One cup sour milk can be substituted for the sweet milk if you use 1 1/2 tsp. of soda instead of baking powder.)

EAR HAS IT . . .

A statement heard at the Museum on Sunday, September 11 by visitors from Tucson, Arizona who have visited many museums all through the USA - "This museum is well above average and is quite true to its era".

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR THE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM



Plans are being made now for the holiday season at the Highland House Museum. Teddy Bears will be displayed throughout the museum. If you have old or new teddies that you would be willing to lend for the season, please call 393-3392.

WE NEED A LIST

- 1.) The Museum is in need of a large free-standing world globe to use as a centerpiece for the military room. The globe would serve as a point of reference for military activities throughout the world and help tell the complete story of Highland Countians' contribution to military events. Please let us know if you have one to donate, or know someone who has such a globe.
- 2.) Automatic Drip Coffeemaker.

WANTED

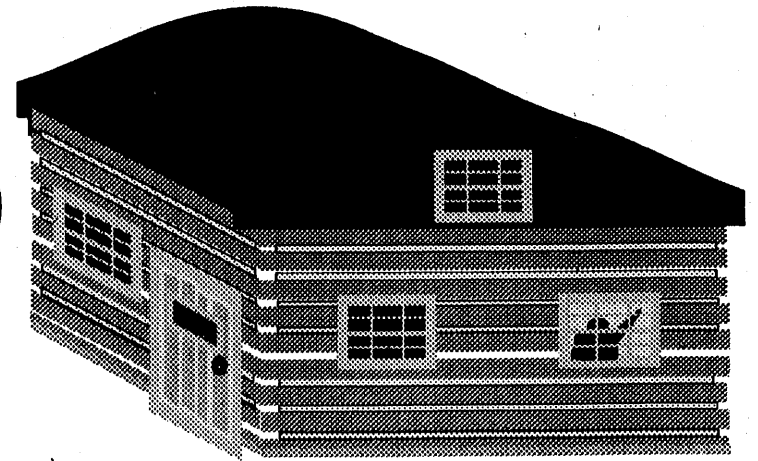
SUNDAY WORKERS
FOR THE MUSEUM'S
OPEN HOURS

Chance to meet many interesting people from other parts of our County and Country.
To volunteer, call Lenora Gordon at 393-1303.

!!OOOOOPS DEPARTMENT!!

A correction to the Committee List: Loren Farnwell will replace Fran Cole on the Kitchen Restoration Committee since it is necessary for a Trustee to be a part of each committee. Fran requested the change.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The September meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on September 29 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature an evening of primitive living. Reuben Swanson will be preparing dinner over the open hearth in the log house. The meal will be followed by a program by Blacksmith Ron Turpin. Mr. Turpin fashioned the fireplace crane in the log house for the Society a few years ago. Due to the nature of our special evening, reservations will be taken to ensure that we can accommodate all those who wish to attend. A \$2.00 donation is suggested when you make your reservations.



RESERVATION COUPON LOG HOUSE DINNER / MEETING (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME TO 6:30 P.M.)

Name No. of reservations
Address (\$2.00 donation per person)
Phone Amount Enclosed
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Mail to: HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM
151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133
Or you may drop your reservations off during open hours
or put them through the mail slot.



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 151 EAST MAIN STREET
 HILLSBORO, OHIO 45133
 Highland County Historical Society

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership renewals continue to come in regularly, and the Membership Committee is delighted to report these additional recent memberships:

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| John J. Ballentine, Jr.
M/M Richard Behm
Judge & Mrs. John Crouse
Ms. Virginia Dick
M/M Herman Dyehouse | Joe Emmons
Col. & Mrs. James Foster
William & Frances Gilbert
Jon C. Hapner
M/M Robert Hern | Mrs. Stuart Kincaid
Al & Wanda Lewis
Janet Limes
Judy Lindley
M/M Michael McCarty |
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Remember, the Historical Society year runs from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Annual single membership is only \$5.00, or \$8.00 for a family. Life Membership is \$100.00. The dues/donations we receive from the membership are a significant part of the operating budget for the Highland County Historical Society, and make it possible for us to continue to keep the doors of the Museum open and offer programs for the public. We thank each and every one of you who share our interest in the history of our county and who demonstrate that interest with your membership. And, of course, we always welcome any others who share our interests to join us.

Museum Muses

October 1994

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

President Jack Garman 393-1162	Vice-President Lenora Gordon 393-1303	Secretary Kathryn Matthews 393-2999	Treasurer Rosemary Ryan 393-2033	Newsletter Editor Catherine Meade 393-4031	Highland House Museum 513-393-3392
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From The Managers' Desk



The Highland House Museum is being thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the upcoming holidays. While the cleaning is underway, we are also regrouping some displays to better tell Highland County's history. One such area will be devoted to the cobbler's trade and another will recreate an old general store. During the holiday season, items will be on sale in the store.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep the Highland House Museum open during the Holiday Season. Why not make a date with a friend to meet at the Museum for three hours on a Saturday or a Sunday? You can visit with your friend and also make new friends of those who come to visit the museum. Call Lenora Gordon at 393-3400 to let her know what date is best for you. /303

MARY PERIN PARRY REMEMBERED

Dr. Ted Perin of Oxford, Ohio very generously donated a framed poster of this late sister, Mary Perin Parry. Mary was well-known as an accomplished organist and pianist, performing as well as teaching. The promotional poster features a lovely photograph of Mary. We are so pleased that Ted thought of us and that we will be able to display the poster as a remembrance of Mary for all of her friends in Highland County.

Highland County Coverlets at The Museum

There is now a Highland County Coverlet on display at the Museum. If you are thinking about getting one for a friend or relative as a Christmas gift or want to give yourself a gift, you may now conveniently purchase a coverlet at the Museum. And, be sure to think of the Museum as a shopping stop when doing your Christmas gift shopping. Many unique new items are there for your shopping pleasure.

DON'T MISS THE PEWTER ORNAMENTS AT THE HIGHLAND HOUSE.

PONDICK HERB FARM
 APPALACHIAN
 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
 NOVEMBER 25, 26, & 27
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Artisan, Lani Stivers (she decorates the Golden Lamb at Christmas) has created a Christmas Past at Pondlick Farm.

Reminisce with Artisans as they create Works of Art.

- ★ Live Nativity Scene with designs from "our own" Theatrical Seamstress Sondra Leibreich.
- ★ Music and Storytelling
- ★ Herbal Luncheon and Amish Goods

7190 Pondlick Road, Seaman, Ohio
 12 miles south of Hillsboro,
 off S.R. 136 near Sugartree Ridge, Ohio.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 27	TRICK OR TREAT	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 27	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	8:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 7	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
NOVEMBER 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
NOVEMBER 25,26,27.	PONDLUCK HERB FARM	Appalachian Christmas
NOVEMBER 26	COURTHOUSE LIGHTING CEREMONY	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 3	D.A.R. TEA	Open to the public
DECEMBER 11	CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY- 2 seatings	2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

Fridays - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2,3,4, - 9,10,11 - 16,17,18

SEPTEMBER MEETING REVIEW

Weather was beautiful for the log house dinner on September 29. REUBEN SWANSON prepared a delicious meal over the open hearth and RON TURPIN provided a program on blacksmithing. Seventy-five people attended this evening of primitive living. Several of you who attended asked when the Society would be having another dinner at the cabin, so we hope to do it again next year.

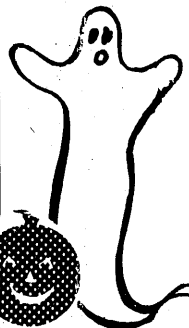
Christmas Lighting of the Courthouse

For several years, there has been a ceremony at the Courthouse on the Saturday following Thanksgiving at which time the lights on the trees of the Courthouse lawn are officially turned on by a Highland County Commissioner. During this ceremony, members of the community join to sing Christmas Carols and wish their friends and neighbors a "Happy Christmas Season"! Won't you join in having a large representation of the Museum Membership at this event on November 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.?

MORE EXCERPTS FROM "COOKING THEN AND NOW" FOOD MEMORIES OF THE EARLY 1900's that I continue to cherish and use.

1. Dip bacon or side pork in slightly beaten egg, roll in corn meal, and fry.
2. Bake sweet potato wrapped in foil like Irish potato, and serve with real butter.
3. BOSTON BAKED CORN: Substitute whole kernel corn instead of beans in your favorite Boston Baked Bean recipe. A generous dollop of bourbon or Southern Comfort during the last few minutes of baking adds a festive flavor.
4. Moisten DRY Cottage Cheese (Dry cottage cheese is harder to come by than scratch, but it is worth the search) with just enough cream cheese to make into small balls the size of walnuts. Roll to cover with crushed walnuts, chopped chives, anchovy paste or any seasoning of your choice such as cookie crumbs and cinnamon. Then decide to serve as an appetizer or as a sweet. Or serve at the end of the meal as a combination "sweet and savory" course with coffee. Especially good with Irish Coffee, but then, what isn't? (Roll in imagination and leftovers.)
5. Leftovers are sometimes called "Born Again Food".

Robert Turner Jones
Jones has been a faithful volunteer to the Highland House Museum, and can always be found on the first Sunday of each month at the Museum. THANK YOU JONES!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 27th MEMBERSHIP MEETING

"BLACK HISTORY" in Southern Ohio" is the topic of the October meeting of the Highland County Historical Society,

PAUL YOUNG, of Belfast, is the speaker. He has written a 500 plus page history of blacks, with focus on Brown County where he grew up (at Mt. Orab), and is now shaping a series of short novels under the label of "The Little Black History Books".

One book is entitled "Where There's A Will", recounting how one family - the Tolers - came to Ohio in 1819 when Samuel Gist freed his 500 Virginia slaves by will. Two groups were sent to Brown County (at Five Points and Wahlsburg), one to the New Vienna area of Highland County in 1832 after a failed attempt at settling them at Sandusky in northern Ohio.

In his research over the past five years, Young has become familiar with black history in not only Brown County, but in Clermont, Adams, Highland and Clinton Counties, as well as a few surrounding areas of Ohio and Kentucky. He notes that "white" histories tend to gloss over black activity, making research considerably more difficult. But, he has found, libraries have many useful documents, including census films from 1820 through 1920, plus the transcribed records of births, deaths, marriages, indentures, manumissions, etc., when "pieced together" provide a broad view of black achievements.

Young feels that Aunt Jemina (Rose Washington Riles, of Red Oak) must be Southern Ohio's most famous black citizen. She is honored annually at a pancake festival that she helped establish in the late 1880's. But, he says, a famous (but neglected) black is Colonel Charles Young, of Ripley, whose cavalry troops in the West are responsible for the term "Buffalo Soldier", and whose troops saved Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in their famous charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

Be sure to attend this interesting meeting planned for you, the membership, and the community. BRING A FRIEND.

COOKING THEN AND NOW is the official cookbook of the Highland County Historical Society, 1990. If you do not have a copy be sure to drop by the Museum on Friday or Sunday afternoons to purchase one.