

Museum Muses

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MARCH 2001

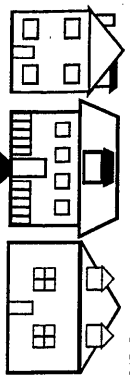
Report from the Directors



We extend our appreciation to the members of the community who enabled us to overwhelmingly meet the "Hodson Challenge", especially Margaret Addington, FirstStar, Jack Chaney, and Harold Hottle. It was the Hodsons' intent that the fund be used for interior renovation. As of the present time the Pioneer Hallway has had major changes. Repainting the walls and woodwork has refreshed the meeting room, front hallway and parlor. There are other projects to address and we need your help and advice.

We would like to sincerely thank the ladies' clubs that so beautifully decorated the rooms of the Museum and to all the individuals, businesses, and clubs that held functions here. Without the above mentioned, our Christmas Season would not have been the tremendous success that it was.

As of mid-March, enticing displays of writing material and a collection of antique phonographs will await your visits. We continue to solicit your input and volunteerism - LET US HEAR FROM YOU!



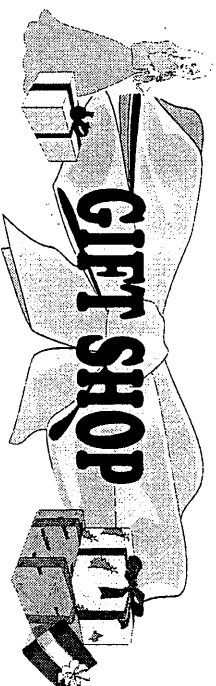
HOME TOUR

Coming up on SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001, is the Society sponsored HOMETOUR! This popular tour has not been held for two years so we are all very anxious to attend this tour. Watch the Times - Gazette and Museum Muses or listen to station WSRW for more information. You may call the Museum and leave a message and we will get back with you or call LENORA GORDON at 937-393-1303.

Homes On The Tour Are:

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Sharp
Avery Applegate
Allison Wagoner
Mr. & Mrs. Linley Wetzel
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Seipelt
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Barreras
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Seiler

Cost for the entire tour is only \$10.00 per ticket. Hours will be from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.



After a successful Christmas season, the Gift Shop will reopen in March with a collection of favorites - the Austrian Crystal ornaments and Bells.

There will be hanging ornaments, magnets, suction cup window ornaments, chimes, and crystals on mirrored stands. Butterflies, angels, hummingbirds, eggs for Easter, and many other items to choose from.

Something new - SCRAMBLED SQUARES. If you or someone you know likes puzzles, this is a wonderful gift. Come in and try the 5 minute challenge - perhaps you can win a free Scrambled Square Puzzle.

Be sure to check out our new collection of brass candlesticks.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MUSEUM.

REMEMBER THE GIFT SHOP FOR A GIFT FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON.

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

A great chance for any and all who want to help the Society. We need volunteers for a variety of services. Especially needed are Host and Hostesses during operating hour 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and/or Sundays. If you would choose to help in any way, you may do so by calling the Museum at (937) 393-3392 and leave a message, or call Oleta Wagoner.

A CHARM SCHOOL

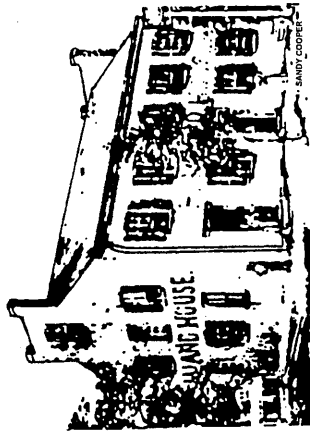
is being planned by Tara Rand-Butler for the young people of the area. It is to be held in March and details will be sent to the schools, radio, and newspapers.

Highland County Historical Society

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HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

REPUBLICAN WOMAN'S CLUB
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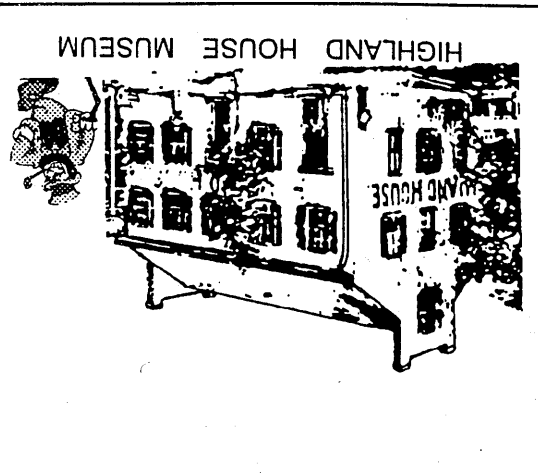
MEMORIALS

In Memory Of:

Ted & Jean Perrin ~ ~
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Esther Green ~ ~
Evelyn Rittenhouse ~ ~
Harold Henry ~ ~
Norma Fehring ~ ~
Alice A. Cassner ~ ~
Vaughn Huffman ~ ~
Esther Green ~ ~
Emma Graves ~ ~
Vaughn Huffman ~ ~
Emma Graves ~ ~
Walter Ottewill ~ ~
Harold Henry ~ ~
Raymond Hixon ~ ~

Requested By:

Virginia Reid
Nancy Axmacher
Lenora Gordon
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Margaret VanFrank
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Edna Gibbs
Paul & Deirdre Garringer
Mary Hiestand
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JEANNE WILKERSON
 Membership Chairperson

Welcome



NEW MEMBERS

SHIRLEY L. IRISH
 FRANK GROVER
 RITA GROVER
 STEVE TAYLOR

NEW LIFETIME

LELAND PENNINGTON
 ELLEN PENNINGTON

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

TOTAL MEMBERS	330
NEW	51
LIFETIME	77
SUSTAINING	19
CORPORATE	4

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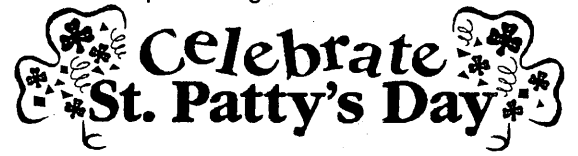
Director's Report

Accolades to the many volunteers, local clubs, scout leaders, and trustees who gave of their time and talents to make our holidays at the museum absolutely outstanding. We thank the groups who enjoyed the beautifully decorated museum through community usage. If you were not able to help or attend this past season, we urge you to plan to do so next season. Better yet - assign items and participate in our consignment auction that is forthcoming.

We are pleased to announce that LEADERSHIP HIGHLAND has designated the Highland County Historical Society to henceforth be the source of the Highland County Coverlet. We do appreciate and thank their board members for this privilege. Upon being informed of this, the

"Hometown Committee" has asked we use the proceeds from this past house sale to purchase a supply of the coverlets, this committee has also asked that the balance of the proceeds be used to paint the museum storm window frames to match the window trim.

With Spring approaching, we look forward to the completion of the exterior painting, improving the appearance of the back yard, and all your support in the upcoming events and membership meetings.



Needlework Inquiry

Ms. Sue Studebaker from Dayton, Ohio is writing a book on early Ohio needlework samplers (i.e. schoolgirl embroideries). At present, she has documented 215 Ohio samplers and is searching for more to be included in this book to be used as a reference tool by interested collectors and museums all over the country. All files are confidential and owners may remain anonymous if they choose. If you know of any "samplers" she would appreciate any help or information you can give. You may call or write her at
 SUE STUDEBAKER
 281 West Whipp Road
 Dayton, Ohio 45459
 Phone: 1-937-434-3347



A BIG

THANK YOU

WILLA STANFORTH ~ for allowing us to use her painting for our Christmas Cards.
 DICK BOWMAN ~ for taking the photo of the painting to use on the Christmas Cards.
 DANIEL LLORDS ~ for the magnificent performances at the Children's Tea Parties.
 SHIRLEY IRISH ~ for the donation of an artificial Christmas Tree.
 KIRBY STANFORTH ~ for the chain saw carving exhibition.
 SHERRY BECKER ~ for her generous donation to our April auction of a painting of McCoppin's Mill.
 BILL PITSTICK ~ for installing an additional phone in the Museum.
 IKE HODSON & SONDRAL LEIBREICH ~ for their participation, on our behalf, in the Holiday Parade.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of
SHIRLEY STEELE

by
 Rita & Steve Neago and Margaret VanFrank
 and In Memory of
TED PERIN

by
 Virginia Reed

SUPPORT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY!
 Volunteers
 are always needed.

HIGHLAND COUNTY COVERLETS

NOW AVAILABLE
AT THE

HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

They come in Blue, Red or
Green.

Call, or stop in the Museum
for particulars.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

★ MARCH 25 ★

Membership Meeting

At this meeting, we will pay tribute
to our HALL OF FAME inductees.

Also, we will recognize our
Corporate Members.

Entertainment will be provided.

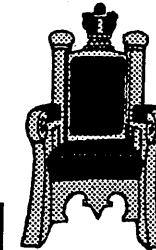
★ APRIL 22 ★

Membership Meeting

This will be a "CARRY-IN" dinner
along with the meeting.

Please bring one of your delicious
dishes and your own table service.

THE HIGHLAND COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS ITS

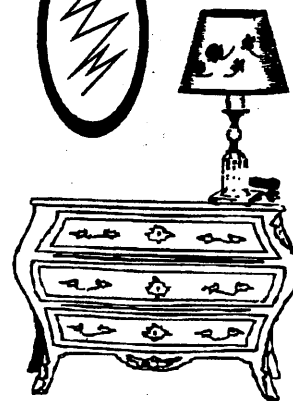
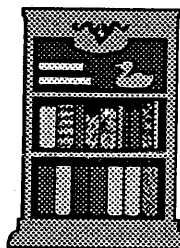
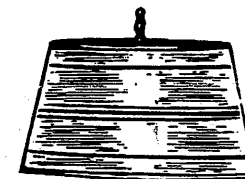


Second Annual Consignment Auction



HIGHLAND COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

SUNDAY
APRIL 25
1:30 p.m.

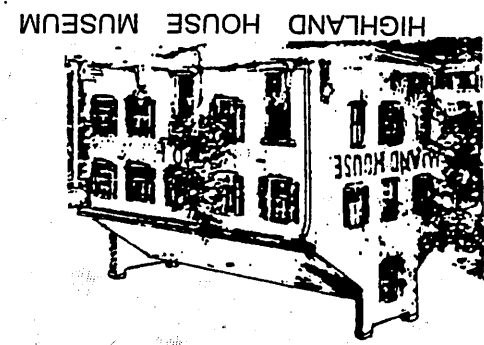


We need the help and support of Society mem-
bers in making this one of our BIGGEST MONEY
MAKING PROJECTS OF THE YEAR!

Mark the date on your calendar.
~ DON'T LET US DOWN ~

Support the Highland County Historical Society in
its efforts to collect and preserve the history of
our county for future generations!

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IVOR JONES
by
Margaret VanFrank
and

Steve & Rita Neago

JEAN S. PERIN ~ TED PERIN ~ MARY PARRY
by
Nancy Perin Axmacher
~*~

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome New Members

Highland County
Republican Women's Club

**HIGHLAND HOUSE
GIFT SHOP**

We will have small brass bells for sale at the Museum during the Festival of the Bells.

Please come and browse our Gift Shop for unique items.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



After being present at the recent Hall of Fame induction ceremony, I'm proud to say I belong to the Highland County Historical Society. The inductees are most deserving and the community and the society are privileged to have benefited from their involvement. Through the generosity of "Beat the Heat" donors, those henceforth volunteering or visiting the Museum will enjoy the installed air conditioning. We have been informed the next project to be completed is the humidification system.

Other needed improvements to our Museum (and to the building) that have been carried out are as follows:

The floor of the music room has been repainted to enhance the beauty of the lovely rug. The labor and material for the floor were anonymously donated. We thank Rita and Steve Neago for having the huge rug cleaned.

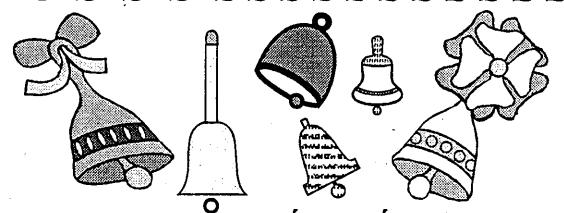
Also we want to thank Larry Sonner, Rich Graves, and Steve Neago for hauling and installing the rug - "Which was no easy task!" The meeting room now has a refurbished floor, the end result of the workman's efforts far exceeding our greatest expectations. With new window swags and the anticipation of solving the wall moisture, we feel the Museum will be one of the finer places in Hillsboro to hold community functions and family gatherings (especially wedding rehearsal dinners). Considering the above, it behooves all of you to visit the Museum. Again we strongly recommend you become more active and let us benefit from your input and talents. You will find within this newsletter, a membership renewal card. Please support the society by promptly returning the card with your dues and notation of how you would like to participate in the society.

Dates To Remember

Combined Meeting
HIGHLAND COUNTY & GREENFIELD
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
JUNE 22

MUSEUM OPEN WEEKEND OF
THE FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS

SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS
JULY 8



We continue to hope that some kind person will donate the No. 1 Festival Bell to the Museum so we can complete the Historical Society's collection.

For those or you who might have missed this "Letter to the Editor" in the local newspaper which expresses the views of the Highland County Historical Society's board we include it here for your information.

Letter to the Editor:

On Sunday, May 21, area residents packed the meeting room at the Highland House Historical Society Museum to honor the latest inductees into the Society's Hall of Fame: Richard "Dick" Shaffer, Dorothy Ellis Hodson and Robert "Bob" Hodson.

It was a memorable event at the Museum, with kudos coming to the recipients from Governor Taft and Representative Dennis Stapleton. Senator Doug White and former Senator Cooper Snyder were there to convey their personal homage.

Willa Stanforth was chair of the selection committee, ably assisted by Leslie Ramsey. Lenora Gordon did her usual fine job of organizing a beautiful reception with the aid of several members of the Society, including Kathryn Matthews, Jeanne Wilkerson, Nedra Andrew, Kathleen Lucas, Jean Wallis, Margaret VanFrank, and Charles and Freida Redkey.

The members of the Board of Trustees wish to publicly thank each and every one of those who contributed to this stately occasion, especially Elise Gossett of Krogers who so surprised us with a generous gift of elaborate food trays from the Kroger deli to enhance the tea table.

As Cooper Snyder said during the induction ceremony, in reference to his choice of Hillsboro for his home, "What more could you want than a town that provides for its youth (referring to the Richard Shaffer Ball Park) and honors its past (such as the Historical Society does)?"

Many guests expressed their thanks for the air-conditioned comfort of the museum. This meeting marked the occasion of being the first large gathering since the installation of climate control equipment at the Museum, the result of a tremendous out-pouring of local support for our recent "Beat the Heat" fund drive.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Huffman, for the Board of Trustees of the Highland County Historical Society

SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS ENTERTAIN

The Highland County Historical Society will be open the weekend of the Festival of the Bells.

On SATURDAY, JULY 8, AT 2:00 P.M. THE SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS will be presenting a selection of patriotic music for your enjoyment.

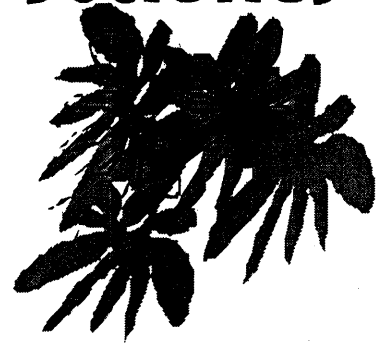
The Southern State Singers are a group of students and interested people from the community who enjoy singing. They are under the direction of John Glaze, who is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Highland County Historical Society. The group will be accompanied on the piano by Cheryl Porter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the Society's meeting on the evening of June 22, the Highland County Historical Society will hold its annual election of trustees. Following the general meeting there will be a short organizational meeting of the Society's Board.



Combined Historical Societies Meeting June 22



The Highland County Historical Society and the Greenfield Historical Society will host a joint dinner meeting June 22 at the Highland House Museum with Nancy Henry, founders of the Highlands Nature Sanctuary as guest speakers.

Members from both groups will meet Thursday, June 22, 6:00 p.m., for an indoor picnic. Those attending should bring a covered dish and table service; beverages will be provided.

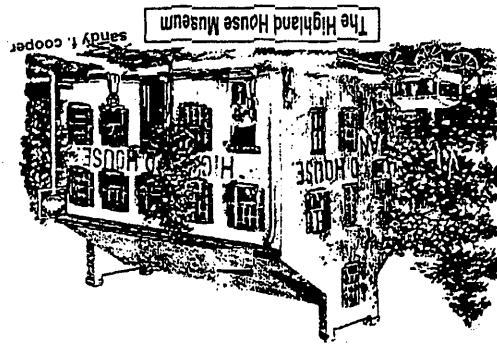
Following the meal, Nancy and Larry Henry, will relate the history of the 919-acre Highlands Nature Sanctuary, a wilderness preserve on Cave Road past Seven Caves, around Rocky Fork Gorge in the Paint Creek watershed. Slides of the Highlands will illustrate the pristine gorge area where the western plateau joins the Appalachian hills and six major geological regions come together.

The Henrys, naturalists with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources until the early 1980's, were recently honored with the Ohio Cardinal Award for "their untiring efforts to protect and preserve the exceptional resources of the gorge".

Nancy and Larry's first land purchase, 47 acres, was made in 1995 after operating Mill Creek Farm at Columbus' North Market for many years. They still own the Benevolence Restaurant and Bakery there.



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NEWEST MEMBERS

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Joan Brokaw
Elinor Cornelius
Pam Limes
Clyde Maines Family
Teresa Sharp

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Terry & Maureen Miller
Ray & Mary Bolich
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kisamore

NEW MEMBER

Beverly Palmer



VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

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Report from the Directors



During the recent House Tour, it was overwhelming the amount of compliments and comments made concerning the Highland House Museum. Our quick response was that it was all made possible by the community's interest and generosity, so again, and again, the Trustees and Directors thank each and every one who answered our needs!

Our recent upgrades include an outdoor electric connection, new log house entrance steps, and lovely front entrance lamps. Sandy and Justin Harsha donated their time and moved the iron implements from the back lawn and placed them to ornament the newly planted herb beds. Paula Wright and husband (Pondlick Herb Farm) donated and planted the herbs, Highland Stone and Kathy Matthews provided the top soil, and Lerch Barnlot Ltd. discounted the landscape timbers. We extend our sincere appreciation for their generosity.

We thank Charlotte and Rodney Pack for sharing their collection with us especially during the house tour.

If you have not visited recently, we encourage you to do so and please share your time with us by volunteering. Perhaps you would like to help with the herb beds, spend a few hours on a Sunday greeting visitors, or assist in labeling new acquisitions. Call us and let us know your desires. The new friends you will meet will make the effort worthwhile -- AND REMEMBER, we welcome your club and private functions.

CARRY-IN FOR JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - 6:00 P.M.



DRINKS & TABLEWARE
PROVIDED

ATTENTION - ATTENTION FESTIVAL BELLS FOR SALE

With the very generous donation from Peggy Addington, we have acquired a complete set of Festival Bells; No. 1 through 10. All with the same number; therefore, we have bells No. 2 through 10 to sell.

We are establishing a silent auction, with a minimum bid on each bell. The auction will commence on June 15, and end on July 8. Come to the Museum to place your bids. We will also entertain bids for the entire group providing that each bid exceeds the total of the individual bids.



HOME TOUR REPORT

The committee for the Highland County Historical Society's Tour of Homes wishes to thank the public for their support of this tour on Sunday, May 5.

The proceeds of the event will go to maintain the local Highland House Museum, which is open on Fridays from 1 to 5 and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. We are very happy to report the sum of \$5,500.00 was realized from this event. Heartfelt gratitude goes to the homeowners who so generously opened their homes to the public and to the more than one hundred volunteers who assisted in making the event a memorable day in the history of our community.

Homeowners included: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Sharp, Avery Applegate, Allison Wagoner, Mr. & Mrs. Linley Wetzel, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Seipelt, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Berraras, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Seipelt and Mr. Daniel Llords. Also our historic Highland House Museum.

Special thanks go to the supporters of this project: Gibbs Associates; Drs. Glenn Lucas, DDS, Daniel J. Clark, DDS, Anthony D. Harless DDS of Family Dentistry; Highland County Printers; The News Reader; Blossoms n' Buds; Cundiff's Flower & Garden Center; Highland Flowers & Nursery; South High Flower & Garden; Kroger; Ponderosa; KFC; and Great Scot.

We are also indebted to Jean Wallis of the Times Gazette; Glenn Crawford of the Highland County Press; WSRW; and Hillsboro Community TV3 for their generous promotion which helped make this project so successful.

Thanks - YOU REALLY MADE OUR DAY!

THE COMMITTEE:

Lenora Gordon
Kathryn Matthews
Freida Redkey

Gretchen Huffman
Jean Wallis
Susan (Terry) Seipelt

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(Enclosed In This Newsletter)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2001!

We hope you will take a few minutes right now and send in your membership dues in the self-addressed envelope provided. We hope we can count on you to continue your support and interest in the coming year.

We are sorry to report that 51 memberships were not renewed last year. We hope this was just a lapse of memory and that you will take advantage of the enclosed card to renew.

LIFETIME MEMBERS	103
SUSTAINING MEMBERS	20
REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS	203



A Wonderful place to shop for gifts!

(weddings, showers, graduation, birthdays, etc.)

Highland County Coverlets	.....	\$45.00
Highland House Sweat Shirts	.....	26.00
Scramble Square Puzzles	.....	7.95
"My Cup Of Tea"	.....	14.95

Items with Highland House Museum Logo

Porcelain Bells	.....	10.00
Paper Weights	.....	11.00
Key Chains	.....	6.00
Crocks	.....	13.00

Crystal Bells	.....	8.00 - 10.00
Crystal Ornaments	.....	3.50 - 13.00
Brass Candle Sticks		
Single	.....	34.00 - 44.00
Double	.....	28.00
Triple	.....	39.00
Brass Divided Dish	.....	25.50
Raggedy Ann & Andy Dolls		
Miniature	.....	6.50
Large	.....	20.00 - 42.00
Dolls	.....	20.00

NEW ARRIVALS

Bears in pastel jumpers	...	13.00
Rabbits in pastel jumpers	..	13.00

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mike McMeans, who is Program Coordinator for the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, will speak at the Historical Society's June 28 membership meeting. He will give a program on the Longaberger Basket Company's project to provide historic markers for communities in Ohio.

BICENTENNIAL BARN PAINTING

Highland County's Bicentennial Barn will be dedicated at 5:00 p.m. on June 22. The barn is located at 3099 State Route 62, south of Hillsboro, home of the Setty family. Scott Hagan, its painter, will be available to sign autographs.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING

The Highland County Bicentennial Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16 at the Highland House Museum. All are invited to attend. Please come and bring your ideas for projects.

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UNION SCHOOL (now WEBSTER SCHOOL)

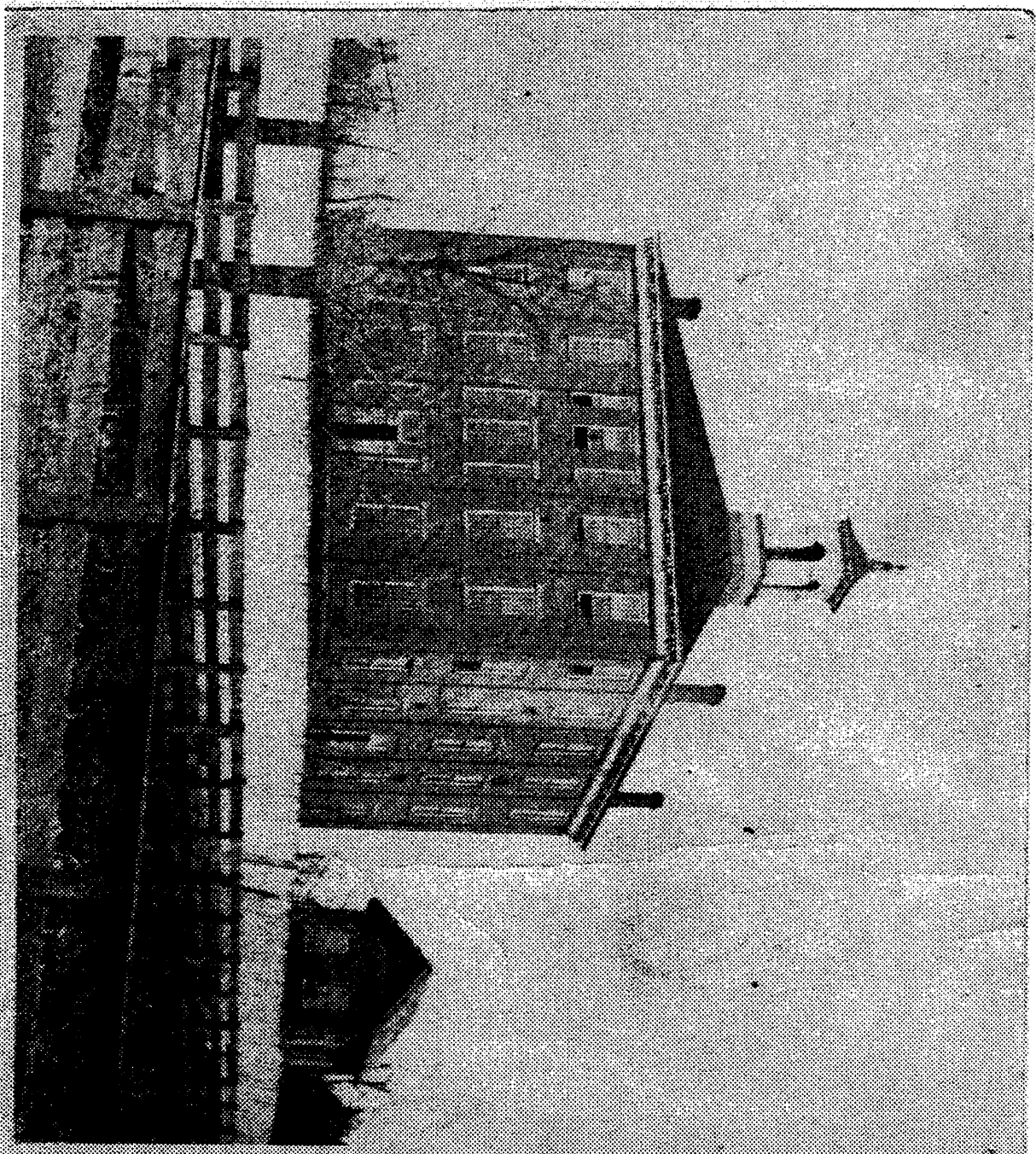


Photo of Union School, built in 1867. Remodeled in 1915 and demolished about 1954.

Photo donated by Dr. Thomas Henry.

See story on page 3.

Board Of Trustees
Highland County
Historical Society

Highland County Historical Society

August 2001

Director's Corner:

This begins a new year for the Society, with a new board of Directors, a new editor, and new format for the newsletter. With this issue, we are hoping to inject more history into the newsletter and to make it more readable. In addition to informing our members about upcoming meetings and happenings around the "Highland House", our aim is to provide a learning experience for our members.

We hope that our members that are not Hillsboro residents will forgive us for covering a Hillsboro school in this first issue - we could not pass up the chance to use the photo kindly donated by Dr. Thomas Henry.

The Highland House Museum experienced one of the best attendance records during the FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS, over 4th of July weekend. We had many visitors from out of state and out of county, in addition to local visitors. The countdown for our silent auction of various glass Festival Bells came on July 8th, and through the generosity of the bidders, the Society netted \$1635. Again our thanks to Peggy, who made this possible.

The new attic windows have been installed, thus all the windows are now in operable condition; however there are a few window sills still needing repair.

It is with great pleasure that we continue to receive reservations for use of the facility. If you have a meeting, bridge club, or family function, please consider reserving the Highland House Museum. We look forward to your calls and to your personal visits.

Memorials:

Julius Bare from

Anne Rhude, Susie & Rob Sharp, Willa Stanforth,
Wm. & Connie Stanforth, Lenora Gordon, Margaret Van
Frank, South Central Power, Ohio Asphaltic Limestone
Corp., Julius & Pat Ogden
Teri Sharp
Lenora Gordon, Margaret Van Frank

Wayne Sharp from
Shirley Sansone from

Special Thanks:

Our sincere gratitude to Dan Higham for his help and services with our computer system. We are now able to enter and print data on our holdings and acquisitions.

Gift Shop:

The gift shop is getting ready for the Christmas season and new items will be arriving during the next few months. We hope you will check our shop for Christmas gifts, ornaments, decorations, Santa Claus figures and snow people. You will receive plenty of excellent bargains, while also helping the Historical Society.

Edna Gibbs
Oleta Wagoner
John Glaze
Jeffrey Hoskins
Bernice Priest
Gretchen Huffman
Robert Andrew
Lenora Gordon
George Folz
Dr. David Ayres
Ron Gilliland
Freda Redkey
Rosalie Morgan
Dennis Butler
Sharon Yochum

Director

Margaret Van Frank

Ass't. Director

Catherine Meade

Restoration

Loren Farwell

Financial Secretary

Jack Garman

Treasurer

Rose Ryan

Upcoming Events:

LOG-CABIN STEW
DINNER, October 25, at
6:00 P.M.

HISTORY OF UNION SCHOOL

By Bob Andrew

Visitors to the Highland House Museum coming into the rear entrance, often comment on the huge sandstone facing engraved "UNION SCHOOL. Erected A. D. 1867". Like myself, many have asked "where was Union School?"

Answering this question turned out to be a genuine research project. I first turned to Elsie Ayres' "*Hills of Highland*", and Williams Bros.' 1880 "*History of Ross and Highland Counties, Ohio*." From these I learned that the Union School was formed in Hillsboro under the Union School Law of 1850, which was Ohio's first attempt at consolidating the many one room schools scattered throughout the state. The Union School was opened in the fall of 1853, in a building on Walnut Street given to the school by the Hillsboro Academy. The old Academy building was destroyed by fire in December 1858.

The school board purchased a lot on west Walnut Street in 1863, and in 1866 plans were drawn for a three story building on the site. "Some opposition was made to the project at the time, but now the entire intelligent portion of the community approve the action." (Hist. of Ross & Highland, p. 377).

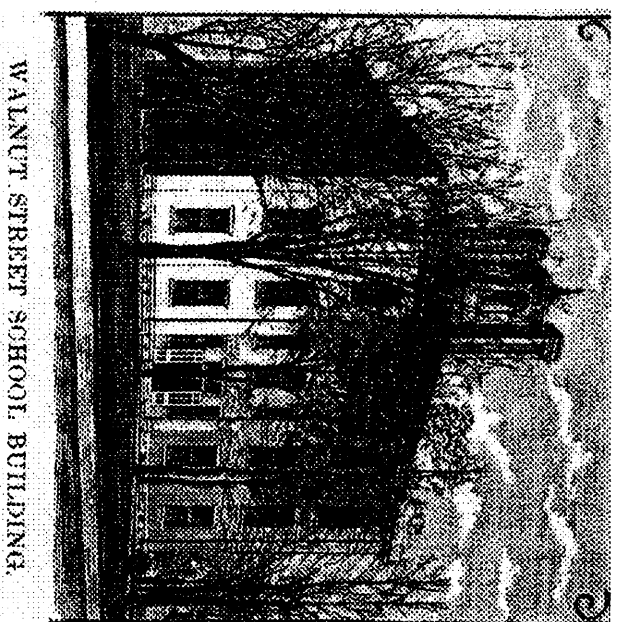
Schools were opened on the sixth of September, 1868, with the following corps of teachers: H. S. Doggett, superintendent; L. McKibben, high school teacher; E. G. Smith, A grammar; Mary Doggett, B grammar; Maggie Richards and Mary Ellis, intermediate; Serena Henderson, Matilda McFadden and Sarah J. Lambert, primary. At the start 410 pupils were enrolled. Ellen Eckley was added as an intermediate teacher not long afterwards.

The building shown in the photo was located on the site of present-day Webster school, and has also been known over the years as the "Walnut Street School". Much can be learned by study of the photo and comparison with the present site.

First, the only remnant of the original "Union School", is the two-story addition that was added to the original building. According to Ayres (1971, p. 209) this addition was added in 1888 to provide additional classroom space and office space for the superintendent. This remnant is still visible from Walnut street, and the second floor still retains the west wall (with no windows) which would have connected to the original building. Thus the old original building would have stood just to the west.

This helps us to orient the photo. From this, the

photo was taken from South Street, looking northwest. Several other interesting observations can be made from the photo. The most interesting of these is the outdoor privy with two doors (boys and girls), just to the right. This is totally gone in an engraving of the building, in a report published by the Hillsboro Board of Education in 1894 (shown below).



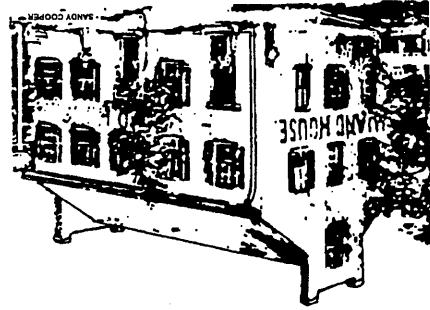
Also by 1894, central heating has been added since the four original chimneys, which were for stoves on each floor have been replaced by two larger chimneys near the center, to the north and south of the bell tower.

The original photo was probably taken during late fall or early winter, since there are no leaves on the few trees around the building. This is also suggested by the corn stalks in the field on the lower right. However, there are a number of windows open on the upper floors! Also, notice that the entire school yard is surrounded by a white picket fence about six feet high.

The School Board Report mentioned above also contained the names, married names for females, and locations in 1894 of the Hillsboro High School graduates for the years 1873 through 1893. In addition, photos were located of the third grade class at Webster School, taken May 1903, and the fourth grade class for 1909.

For space reasons these are not reproduced here but will be placed on display in the museum.

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MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS JUNE 30th.

This year in the June Newsletter we enclosed a renewal card. To-date, we have not received responses from 73 members. As of this date we have 265 MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, which include 90 LIFETIME MEMBERS and 20 SUSTAINING MEMBERS. We earnestly hope we will receive responses from the 73 which would maintain our roster at 338 members.

Financial support from members is critical to maintaining the mission of the Historical Society and to-date, we have not met our budgeted amount for membership contributions.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME RIGHT NOW
AND SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES.**
Thanks for your support.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome

New Members

M/M Ron Gilliland	M/M Rick Kisling
M/M Creed Culbreath	Repub. Woman's Club
Bryan P. Weaver	Edna Gibbs
MaryAnne deMilliano	M/M Doug Wagoner
M/M Stewart Greenlee	M/M Warren Webster
Thompson & Terri Balsler	

New Lifetime Members

Blair Dennison	June Gregg
Clara Wait	Rick & Lisa Kisling
Craig & Ellen Turner	Elise Gossett
Bill & Bea Turner	

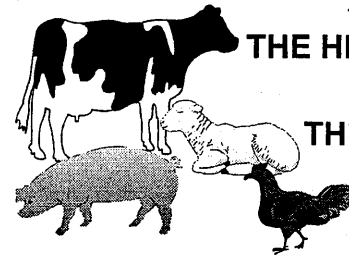
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Dates To Remember

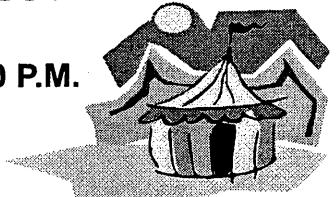


THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM



Jim Grove, president of the Highland County Fair Board will be the speaker for the evening. His topic will be the history of the Highland County Fair, which originally had its beginning in the mid 1800's.



The Highland County Historical Society's popular LOG CABIN COOKOUT will be held on Thursday evening, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the backyard of the Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street. Food will be served from an iron kettle located in the cabin fireplace.



Al Martellotti, retired teacher and Civil War enthusiast will be the speaker for the evening. He will be speaking about the life of Lt. Caspar Weaver Collins, a Hillsboro native and member of the 11th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, who lost his life in an Indian battle at Platte Bridge Station, Dakota Territory. The city of Casper, Wyoming bears his name, as does a fort, a mountain and a river.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please check inside of newsletter for reservation information and form.

NOTES ~~ FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Historical Society recently lost one of our long time members, Charles Harsha. Charles served as Treasurer for many years and initiated our stock portfolio, which now assists in maintaining the Museum. We wish to again extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Through the efforts of Sara Lukens, Director of the Highland County Convention and Tourism Bureau (CVB), The Lakefront Travel Co., Akron, Ohio, scheduled a trip to include Highland County. The group enjoyed a catered luncheon at our Museum and toured the lovely rooms.

During the Festival of the Bells, with entertainment by the Southern State Chorus, we welcomed many visitors and were pleased with the attendance. The program was outstanding, thanks to John Glaze and the chorus members. Our deep appreciation goes to our faithful volunteers who aptly manned the Museum during this important weekend.

To finalize our "BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN", we held a donor reception to show our appreciation for their participation in this vital project. All those present enjoyed the installed air conditioning which became possible through their support. The donors were entertained by John Glaze and the Southern State Chorus.

MEMBERS - PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING to help with your computer knowledge - assisting with marking our military items or help in our gift shop.

HIGHLAND HOUSE HOURS

FRIDAYS ~ 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Directors are here to assist you or answer any questions you may have.

SUNDAYS ~ 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Staff are on hand to assist you.

TO VOLUNTEER, please call:

Lenora Gordon at (937) 393-1303

Oleta Wagoner at (937) 393-3185

Jean Wallis at (937) 393-2759.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

When you are looking for something special in the way of a gift, why not come to the MUSEUM GIFT SHOP? We are getting ready for the up-coming Christmas Season and will have ornaments and Christmas decorations.

Some things to look for in our shop

SWEATSHIRTS with Museum Logo

DENIM SHIRTS with Museum Logo

HIGHLAND COUNTY COVERLETS

in Blue, Cream or Burgundy

Raggedy Anne and Andy Dolls

Miniature Baking Sets for children

Miniature Tea Sets

Galileo Thermometers

Snowmen - Acrylic, Stuffed, Dancing

Children's Books - Dolls - Santas

Cards - Postcard & Blank Note Cards with Victorian & Highland House motifs

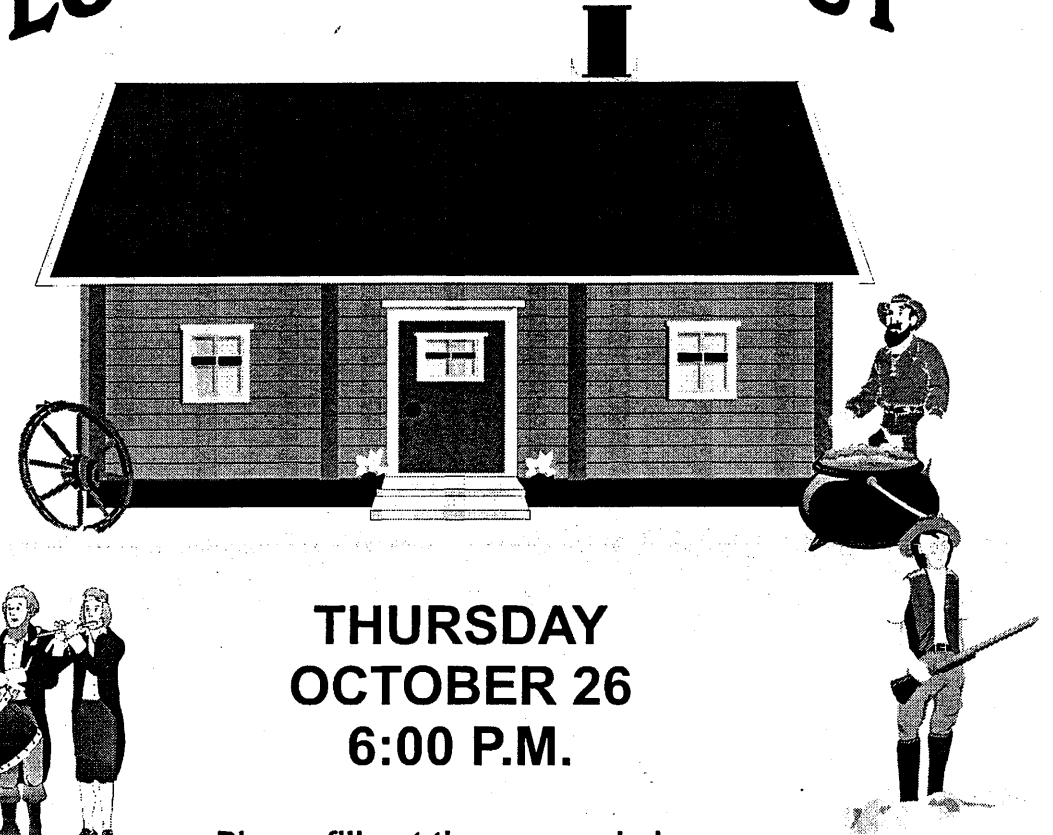
HODSON CHALLENGE BEGINS

When Dorothy and Bob Hodson were inducted into the Historical Society's Hall of Fame, they offered a spontaneous and exciting challenge to the community. Having observed the flaking plaster, outmoded plumbing and other needed improvements which are obvious to visitors to the museum, they challenged us to meet their generous donation of \$5,000.00 with matching funds. THE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

For every dollar we raise, the museum will get \$2.00. When we've raised \$5,000.00, the matching funds from the Hodsons will give us \$10,000.00 to use for vital repairs and maintenance.

You may mail your contributions to: HODSON CHALLENGE, c/o Highland County Historical Society, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133 -- or you may deliver it personally, and while you are there, notice the torn and worn linoleum in the back hall, that's one of the replacement items on our prioritized list! We hope to have most of it raised by Christmas. Think of your contribution as your Christmas gift to historical preservation. No gift is too small, especially since it is doubled upon receipt. Where else can you get that kind of return for your money???????

LOG CABIN COOKOUT



**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 26
6:00 P.M.**

Please fill out the coupon below.

REGISTRATION FORM

RESERVATION FEES

\$3.50 PER PERSON

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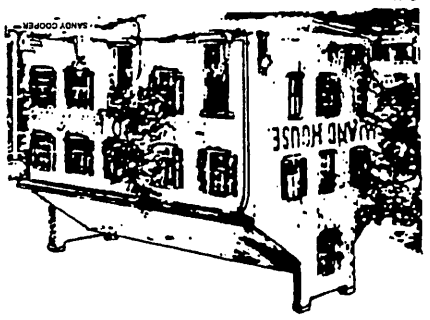
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TELLABRATION

NOVEMBER 12, 2000
 2:00 P.M.

Highland House Museum



A Worldwide Storytelling Event held each year in November in communities throughout the world.

Bring your family and friends to hear our featured Ohio Storytellers, they will bring joy and laughter to your heart.

Sponsored by: APPALACHIAN HIGHLAND STORYTELLING COALITION, OHIO ARTS COUNCIL AND HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

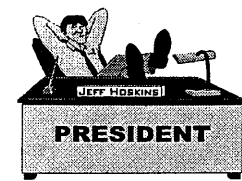
OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 1 - Director's Open House
 DECEMBER 9 - Children's Tea Party

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Greetings
 to
 Our Members
 and Friends

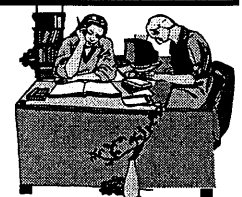
As we look forward to the holidays at this time of year, we are often reminded, and properly so, to be thankful for our many blessings. Our Society is no exception. These past six months or so have been filled with many examples of our communities' confidence and pride in the Historical Society. Your contributions and generous gifts have truly blessed us all.

As your President, I sincerely thank each of you for your gifts; whether it was a monetary donation, your time spent in assisting with various projects, your labor on behalf of the Society, or simply a kind remark to a friend.

We are extremely proud of the Museum, and as always, welcome you to visit with us whenever you can. Now that the Museum is in tip-top shape, I can't think of a better time to "grab" a friend, neighbor, or a family member and invite them to JOIN YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. We, like any organization, must have new life or else we become stagnant and die. So please, ask someone to join so we can continue to be a viable force in our community. Tell your prospective member to try us for a year, and if we have not proved our worth to them within the twelve months, they can cancel their membership with no questions asked.

In short "TRY US, YOU'LL LIKE US"
 Best wishes for a safe & joyous holiday season.

Report from
 the
 Directors



The holiday excitement has begun! The local clubs have volunteered to decorate the rooms at the Museum and it has been gratifying to have new clubs added to the list.

Our new air-conditioning, thanks to you donors, brought more visitors to our lovely Museum, which we feel has prompted the many calls we have been receiving regarding community usage, the calendar is almost full.

Our hard working volunteers continue to put forth all their efforts and stimulate us with new ideas. We know more of you have an afternoon you could share with us. Please call and we will enlighten you how rewarding and simple it is to help and also receive a gift shop discount.

Remember to come and see the rooms and the exciting array that our GIFT SHOP has to offer. Hopefully we will soon become known as the place to find interesting "bells".

We wish to offer a special thanks to John Holt of PONDEROSA STEAK HOUSE for graciously furnishing the slaw for our Cabin Cook-Out - and to Cheryl Porter for answering our request for "computer input".

REMINDER

Please remember the HODSON CHALLENGE. Everyone can be a part of this fund raiser, for every dollar your give will be doubled by Bob & Dorothy Hodson. That makes the \$10 and \$20 donation doubly important.

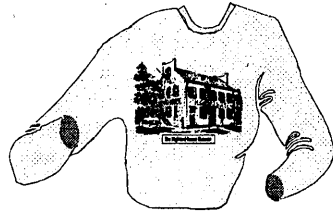
It's not only a way to support some very necessary maintenance for our museum, but it also gives all of us a chance to show the Hodsons we appreciate their generous gift.

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SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS EARLY WHILE THE SELECTIONS LAST

VISIT THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

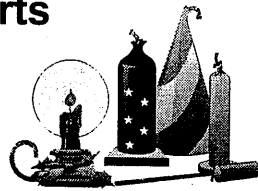
UNUSUAL GIFTS
REASONABLE PRICES



Sweatshirts

Highland County Throws

Cards



Candles for Christmas
Floating Apple Candles

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SNOW PEOPLE
Ornaments
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Singing

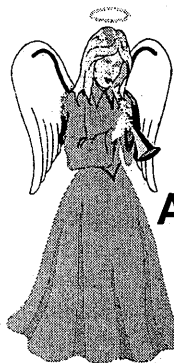


Hurricane Lamps
Plain or decorated

Books for Children

Jewelled Fruit
Ornaments

DOLLS



ANGELS

Galileo Thermometers
(an unusual gift for men)

(cont'd from front page)

THE HODSON CHALLENGE COMMITTEE (Gretchen, Margaret, & Jeff) is anxious to notify the Hodsons that we have raised \$5,000. Then, with the Hodson's gift of \$5,000. we will have \$10,000. to return our museum to the beauty it can be - no more peeling paint, crumbling plaster, worries about inadequate water pipes or unsightly linoleum in the back entry.

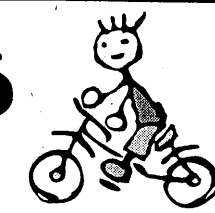
Send as little or as much as you can - AS SOON AS YOU CAN. We are counting on you!

CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 9, 2000

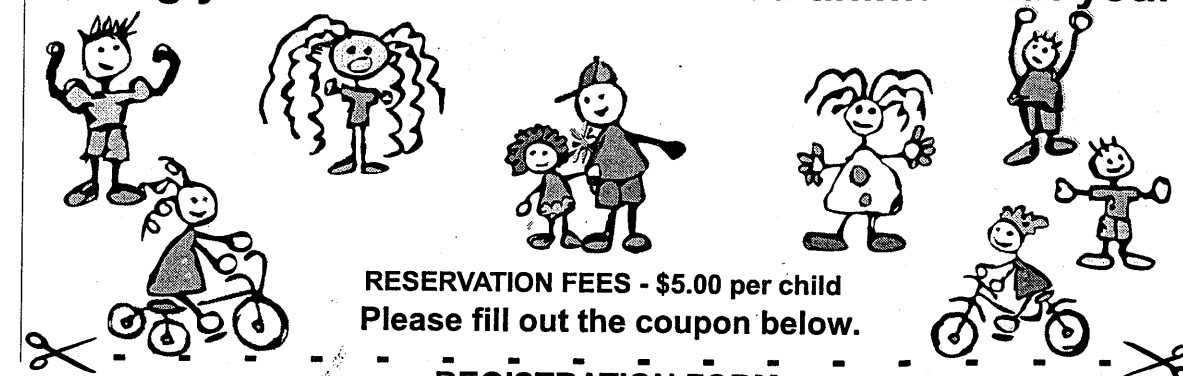
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RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

DEADLINE DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal with you.



RESERVATION FEES - \$5.00 per child
Please fill out the coupon below.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. attending _____ x \$5.00 = Amount enclosed \$ _____

Check session time preference: 2:00 p.m. Seating 4:00 p.m. Seating



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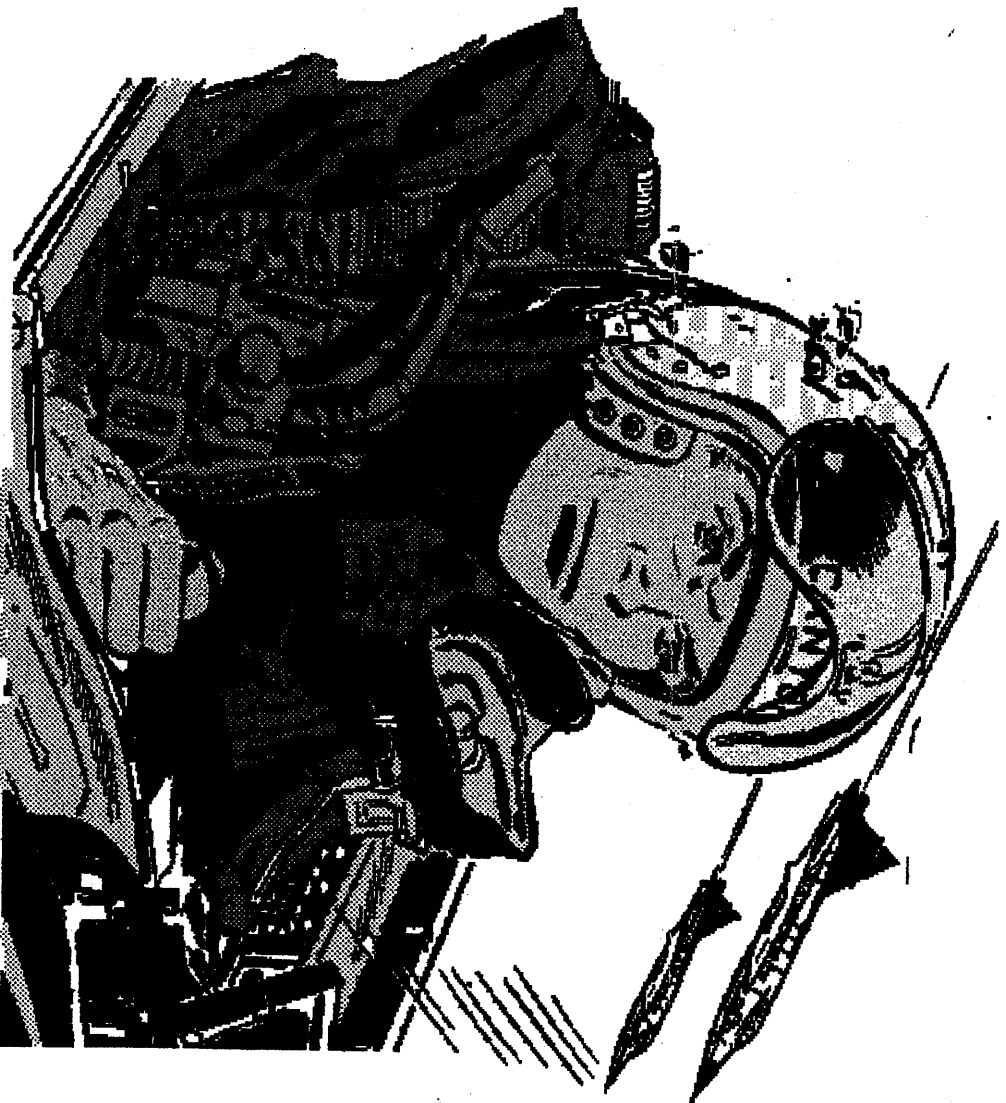
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MILTON CANIFF

Cartoonist, Comic Strip Artist, Author

(Born, Hillsboro, Ohio, February 28, 1907 - Died, New York, NY, May 3, 1988)



COMIC STRIP CHARACTER, "STEVE CANYON"

Drawn by Milton Caniff.

See story on page 5.

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November 2001

Director's Corner:

We wish to thank Ponderosa (John Holt) for the generous donation to the Log House cookout. We also appreciate and thank the members who generously donated time and food items.

Starting Friday November 23, the Highland House Museum will be open every weekend through December 22. Hours for Fridays and Saturdays are 1 to 5 PM, Sundays 1 to 4 PM. Saturday November 24 the Museum will have extended hours of 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Museum will again be decorated by various clubs and our calendar is almost full with reservations for private functions.

We urge all to support the Society through the gift shop and to come and enjoy the efforts of our volunteers.

GIFT SHOP:



Don't look now but "the spirit of the season" has taken over the gift shop at the Highland House Museum (located in the pioneer kitchen). Snowmen large and snowmen small and some in-between, sparkling and shimmering, stuffed and musical, red & white candy stripe, and just downright adorable are all waiting to help you make someone on your list ooh and awe. Catherine Meade and her elves have been busy all year long and the shelves are ready with enough goodies to make sugar plums dance in your head. You won't believe your eyes..... We invite all of you to come in and shop. Remember--we are your source for items with SWAROVSKI components. Hurry though, some items are one-of-a-kind.



November 24, 10 AM-4 PM

Kirby Stanforth - Exhibition of Chain Saw Carving

Director's Open House

Friday, November 30th, 1 to 5:00 PM

Refreshments will be served.

Book Signing by BRENDA BRADDS, local author.

THE CHILDREN'S HIGH TEA

Saturday, December 8

2:00 p.m or 4:00 p.m.

Sign up sheet on page 4.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Dennis Butler	S
Ruth Wolfe Georges	S
Mr. & Mrs Robert (Pete) Shaffer	F F
Merchants National Bank	C
Nancy Perin Axmacher	L
Bruce Axmacher	L
Jean Head	L
Jean and Warren Webster	L
George Foltz	L
Edna Gibbs	L
Judge and Mrs. John Crouse	L
Bill & Janet Butler	L
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Yinger	F
Mr. & Mrs James Winner	F
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Juillerat	F

Have you paid your 2001-2002 dues? We need your support for our operational expenses plus building maintenance, plus honoring our historical preservation. Thank you to our wonderful members, who by their membership help us to make the HCHS successful. Contact Lenora Gordon, 937-393-1303 or Freda Redkey, 937-393-0404. Annual dues are as follows:

Individual	\$8.00	Family	\$10.00	
Sustaining	\$25.00	Corporate	\$125.00	
Life Member (I)	\$100.00	Life Member (w Spouse)	\$150.00	

- Return this tear off and payment to HCHS, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro, Oh. 45133

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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
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THE CHILDREN'S HIGH TEA

AT THE

HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th

LIMITED SEATING. RESERVATIONS A MUST !!

2:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: DECEMBER 5

Please mail or drop through mail slot at

Highland House Museum, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ x \$5.00 each + Total enclosed \$ _____

Please circle one: 2:00 p.m. seating 4:00 p.m. seating

MILTON CANIFF

Born February 28, 1907, this Hillsboro, Ohio native graduated from Ohio State University in 1930. Moving to New York City in 1932 he secured a job with the Associated Press Syndicate and created his first strip, "The Gay Thirties", a single panel strip. In 1933 he created his first popular character in "Dickie Dare", an adventure strip featuring a small boy.

The following year, when Captain Joseph Patterson was looking for an artist/writer to create a new adventure strip for the New York Daily News, he tapped Caniff, who in turn created "Terry & the Pirates", and the rest is history.

"Terry" was an immediate smash hit when it debuted on October 22, 1934 as a daily strip (the Sunday page first appeared in December), and it's success propelled Caniff forever into the eyes of the American public.



At left: A watercolor illustration of the Dragon Lady drawn by Caniff in 1939.

Throughout the thirties Caniff's "Terry" entertained millions and was as influential in that decade as Mad Magazine and Famous Monsters Magazine would be in the fifties and sixties.

In the forties, Caniff did a strip for the military featuring curvaceous females. The strip "Male Call" was extremely popular with our men in the armed services and it ran throughout the war.

He worked on Terry and the Pirates until the end of 1946 when, disgruntled by the fact that the Tribune Syndicate would not relinquish partial copyright ownership of the characters Caniff had created within the framework of his existing contract, he jumped ship to Field Enterprises Syndicate with the promise of total control of his new strip, "Steve Canyon".



Steve Canyon proved to be an enormous success as well and Caniff continued to draw the strip for forty-one years.

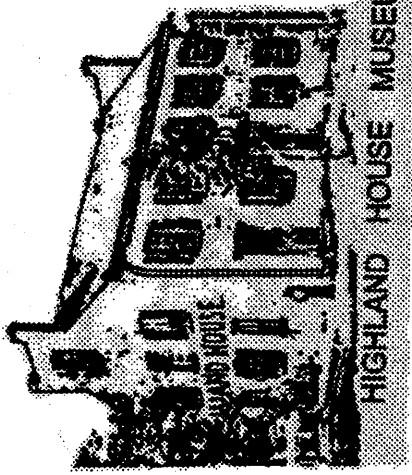
Milton Caniff brought realism, suspense and sensuality to the comics. To this he added an impressive drawing style that inspired a generation of his fellow cartoonists, and an ability to write believable stories featuring very real character types.

Over his lifetime, many of his drawings and cartoons have been exhibited in the art galleries of New York. Fourteen books of his drawings and cartoons have been published.

Many of our Historical Society Members may recall that October 19, 1953, was set aside as "Milton Caniff Day" by the City of Hillsboro, and Caniff rode in a Parade as "Honorary Fire Chief". The parade stopped on E. North Street, at the place of his birth. The parade also made a stop at Washington School where he was introduced to the students and did a "king-sized" drawing of Steve Canyon.

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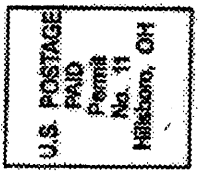
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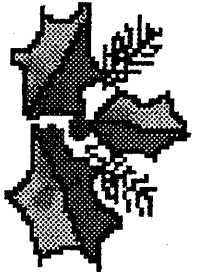
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