

NEWSLETTER

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February - 1968

The Highland County Historical Society will have their next meeting on Thursday evening, February 29, 1968 at The Highland House at 8:00 P. M. sharp.

The program will be in charge of Mr. Charles M. Harsha who will review a magazine article appearing in "Everybody's Magazine" in June, 1919. This article was written by Mr. Hugh S. "Ching" Fullerton a long time writer for the Columbus Dispatch after a time on the Hillsboro Newspaper. Mr. Fullerton remained a close friend to many people in Hillsboro throughout his life.

The article is in regards to the great Womens Temperance Crusade which began in Hillsboro, Ohio in December of 1873. His story vividly depicts the early beginning and the success of this movement which gained for Hillsboro world wide attention. An interesting evening is promised as we visit the old Presbyterian Church on Dec. 24, 1873, and visualize those ladies sign the following solemn compact: "With God's help, we will stand by each other in this work, and perseve therein until it is accomplished; and see to it, as far as our influence goes, that the traffic shall never be revived."

Mr. W. H. H. Dunn, local drug store proprietor, didn't take too kindly to this show of force and gave in writing his own reply. It was a difficult time for both sides so come to this next meeting and learn more about this historic event in the history of Highland County.

Mr. Fred Keeler, President, has been very busy in the past few weeks furthering the work of the society. He has shown the slides of Highland County at the South Central Ohio Preservation Society (SCOPS), the meeting of the Highland County Building and Loans in Greenfield, and to the Washington-Jackson Township joint Farm Bureau meeting.

Two Cub Scout Troops and the Mardi Club of Hillsboro have visited the Highland House during the past two months. We hope that more groups will want to make arrangements to visit our museum as we approach nicer weather. Many people ask when and why the museum is not open to the public on a regular schedule. The answer is simple but the solution a bit more difficult.

As you know our Society is still very young. Buying a home, The Highland House, making improvements, etc. takes a great deal of funds. There still remains much to be done before the house can be opened as a public building, including rewiring and improved toilet facilities. Many people have made very generous contributions to the Society, others have taken life memberships and still other regular memberships. They all help in our struggle to preserve that which belongs to Highland County.

Referring to the above subject, are your dues paid? In reviewing our membership list we note that several persons of good intent have forgotten to slip that \$3.00 for single membership or \$5.00 family membership into an envelope addressed to:

Miss Ruth Carlisle, Sec.
Highland County Historical Society
226 E. Main St.
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

We want to welcome to new membership in the society Mrs. James Cooksey, 117 Josie Avenue, Hillsboro; Mr. Roger Martin, Rfd 2 Sardinia (Buford); and Mrs. James McLaughlin 215 Oak St., Hillsboro. We now have 95 paid family memberships, 67 single memberships and 28 life members.

We want to again remind you that if you have an item of historic interest that you might like to donate or even lend to the Society you can contact any of the officers or trustees. Items loan to the society are recognized by a receipt and may be demanded by the lender at any time. All items loaned or given are marked by the donor if so desired. The officers and trustees who may be contacted are:

Fred R. Keeler, President
Robert A. Hodson, V. Pres.
Miss Ruth Carlisle, Sec.
Charles M. Harsha, Treas.
Mrs. John B. Thompson
Miss Violet Morgan
Mrs. Edwin B. Ayres, Jr.
Judge Darrell Hottle
Ernest Williamson
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Stanley Kibler
Worth Faust
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