

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER
HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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It has been quite some time since we last printed a newsletter of our activities. It isn't because nothing has taken place, for the antique show was a big event. It just seems that days soon become weeks and then months and then soon becomes history.

At the re-organization meeting in June the new officers of the Society were elected. Robert A. Hodson was elected President, Ernest W. Williamson, Vice President, Miss Ruth Carlisle, corresponding Secretary, and Charles Harsha, Treasurer. Mr. Williamson resigned his office in August and has not been replaced to date.

Mr. Fred Keeler certainly deserves a big THANKS for the excellent leadership he has provided for the past three years as the first and only President of the Society. Under his most capable leadership the society has grown from the original incorporators to the present membership. The Highland House was purchased and now is the home of the Society. It's good to have members like Fred and to know he will be continuing his work with us.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 26, at the Highland House. Many topics of discussion will be presented including planned improvements and plans for opening the house for visitors and members.

For our program Mr. J. Fred Bennett, Fire Chief of Hillsboro, will be present to take us back to earlier days when fire protection ranged from little in the towns to none in the country. Fires always leave a vivid memory, so if you can attend this meeting, you might like to bring along your favorite fire story or maybe even a picture or two. The meeting will start at 8:00 P.M., but come early and see new items in our Museum.

Speaking of new items, Mr. Mike Myers of Kaufman's Store has given us a new show case which has already been delivered to the Highland House. We thank Mike for his kindness in this gift to the Society.

Mr. Samuel G. Hibben of Montclair, N. Jersey has presented the Society with very informative information regarding the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church and the Hillsboro Centennial of 1907. He also included a penmanship school book of Joseph M. Hibben dated December 6, 1861. Thanks to Mr. Hibben, a former Hillsboro resident. These items will be on display.

The Society has made application for tax exemption to the Ohio State Board of Tax Appeals. On September 9 testimony and evidence was presented to support our request to eliminate our real estate taxes.

The Second Annual Antique Show was a very excellent success. Mrs. Robert Hodson reports that over \$1,600.00 profit was made during the two day affair which was held on Aug. 3 and 4 at The Highland County Fairgrounds. This tidy sum represents many hours of donated labor, the donation of food for the food booth, monetary donations, the support of 32 antique dealers and the attendance of over 1,300 persons. Mrs. Hodson, the show manager, said, "Most dealers have already expressed a desire to return to the show next year". This assures the third annual event for 1969.

Many people are to be congratulated for the successful Antique Show which still remains our only money making activity to date.

The Secretary, Miss Carlisle, reports memberships as follows:

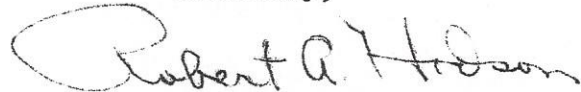
Life Members - - - - -	28
Annual Family- - - - -	101
Annual Single- - - - -	<u>68</u>
Total - - - - -	197

Life Membership is \$100.00, the annual family membership is \$5.00 and a single membership is \$3.00. Are your dues paid for this year? Check your membership card or contact Miss Carlisle. Many people would join if asked or were even made aware of the Society, so why not check with your friends. We also have many organizations who hold membership.

Mr. Fred Keeler is already planning for an auto tour to be held in October. Such tours have been held in past years and have been well attended. You will be receiving more information about it later.

We hope that you will be able to attend this next meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 26 and help start our new year towards the continuing of our purpose: to investigate and study the history of the county of Highland, to discover and collect historical material and to provide for the preservation of such material.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Hodson, Pres.