## HOMESTEAD



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#### HARVEST AT THE HOMESTEAD

by Luanne Unks

Mark your calendar on Sunday, October 7, and help us celebrate "Harvest at the Homestead" from 1-5 P.M.

Plans are now in the works with festivities including: the municipal band, needlepoint competition, a quilt display, cider, donuts, and lots more.

The Homestead will be open for guided tours. A doll house which was featured in the Smithsonian magazine will be on display in the dining room.

A rain date is set for October 14. (See related article: Needlework Competition at the Homestead)

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO JMH FURNISHINGS CONTINUE**

by Barbara Wolfe

Recently the Homestead has received the following gifts:

From the estate of Mrs. Grace Winings we received many items which include American Oriental rugs, china, art glass, a Victorian love seat, table, and two chairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hostetler contributed a large music box which has been placed in the Zonta

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Glenn donated a mantel clock, a family

heirloom. Mr William Van Law gave us

#### PRELIMINARY HOMESTEAD PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Ann Seidman, chairman of Homestead Programming, has announced the following schedule for 1979-80 year:

October 6, 1979	3-5 P.M.	Millikin Fall Family Weekend — an Open House at the Homestead for Millikin students and their parents
October 7, 1979	1-5 P.M.	Harvest at the Homestead — a Fall Festival at the Homestead for the public
December 2, 1979	2-4 P.M.	Victorian Christmas Party for Homestead members, with the Victorian Christmas Boutique on the second floor.
December 9, 1979	1-3 P.M.	Victorian Christmas Open House for the public, with the Victorian Christmas Boutique on the second floor
March 22, 1980	12:30 P.M.	Luncheon for members of the Decatur Art Class
April 24, 1980	7:00 P.M.	James Millikin Homestead, Inc. annual meeting
The week of April 28, 1980		Mr. and Mrs. Millikin at Home -

#### NEEDLEPOINT COMPETITION AT THE HOMESTEAD

by Mary Hartley

The Millikin Homestead is sponsoring a needlepoint show and contest in conjunction with the fall festival, "Harvest at the Homestead." The show will be October 7 from 1-5 P.M. Check in for entries will be the day before

#### **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE PLANS UNDERWAY**

a program for third grade students

Work has already begun on articles to sell at the Christmas boutique held in conjunction with the annual Victorian Christmas Party

The boutique will feature ornaments of needlepoint and handpainted ornaments, as well as handsewn patchwork stockings and crewel tree-ton angels A new addition

#### **RESTORATION GOES ON** by Ruth Prust

Restoration of the kitchen at the home has been virtually complete for several months. The walls and cupboards have been refinished to their original walnut and butternut, and the maple floor has been sanded and varnished. A working counter housing sink, garbage disposal, a dishwasher, and a small refrigerator blends well with the original cupboards.

The missing item for the kitchen has been a workable stove. After much research into reproductions suitable to the period, the Homestead Board voted to buy a new restaurant-style gas range. This large stove should be servicable while blending into the Victorian look of the kitchen. It will be installed in mid-September.

#### WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

While we couldn't exist without the financial support provided by your dues, we also need your physical support with our projects. Whatever your talents or time limitations, the Homestead has a place for you as a volunteer:

We would like to have a catering service to offer to outside groups which rent the Homestead. If you would like to chair this committee, please contact Ruth Prust at 422-2967. If you'd prefer to be "an Indian," this committee will also need shoppers, cooks, servers, and clean-up crew.

If you've always envisioned your-

#### HOMESTEAD MEMBERSHIP UP

by Linda May and Penny Honnold

The 1979-80 membership list of James Millikin Homestead is printed in this edition of the Gazette.

We are most pleased to announce that we have added 78 new members to the Homestead. Our membership now totals 372, and we are only in our fourth year.

We do, however, miss a few old familiar names of past members. Ours is an ongoing project that needs your continuing support. Please take a moment to see if your name is missing on our membership list.

If you have already re-newed your membership but your name doesn't appear in the listing, please contact Mrs. David Pilcher, the new membership chairman, or Mrs. John Dunn, the treasurer, so that records can be corrected.

If you have not yet re-newed your membership, won't you take a moment to do it today? We miss

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

\*Denotes new member

#### Life Members

Anonymous Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dickes

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hostetler

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Irish Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Kapp

Virginia May

Mrs. Robert R. Russell Mr and Mrs Dobart C Schoul Ir ing utensils.

Mrs. E. L. Simmons donated a projection screen.

Mrs. William Zeaman contributed an oak dresser and a set of white celluloid toilet articles.

An anonymous donor gave us an old dress.

On loan from Mrs. Eve Shade is an empire style library table.

We are grateful for all of these things which add so much both to the beauty and utility of the Homestead.

#### 4TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The fourth annual meeting of James Millikin Homestead, Inc. was held April 26 at the Homestead.

Millie Turner played the organ prior to Judge A. G. Webber's program entitled "The Life and Times of James Millikin." Millikin was known by both Judge Webber's grandfather and father, and his talk had the tone of a family reminiscence, much to the audience's enjoyment. Judge Webber was presented with a monogrammed bookmark in appreciation.

Jeannine Schaub was presented with a metal disc engraving of the Homestead in recognition of her instrumental role in initiating the restoration of the Homestead and her subsequent, years of service to it.

During the business meeting President John Hall cited retiring members of the board of directors and acknowledged their service to the Homestead. Ending terms were Adele Glenn, David Jack, Dean Madden, Dorothy Morey, and Jeannine Schaub.

New board members elected to three year terms were Roberta Pilcher, Dennis Trask, Clark Waldmier, and Philip Wiant. Adele Glenn was re-elected to a three-year term.

#### TIES NEEDED

One of the Christmas boutique projects makes use of men's ties. If you have any "cast-offs" cluttering your closet, please contact Ann Seidman, 428-0644; Janet Couter, 429-7604; or Linda May, 877-2989.

dren's work. Ribbons will be awarded for three places in each division. There will also be an award for the "Best of Show."

Joan Huff of Arlington Heights will serve as judge. Mrs. Huff teaches art and needlepoint and is a past winner in the American-International Needlepoint Exhibit in Chicago. Work by Mrs. Huff will be displayed at the show.

For further details on the competition, contact Mary Hartley, 422-3039.

#### RENOVATIONS COMPLETE IN CARRIAGE HOUSE

You are invited to stop in at the Carriage House Learning Center during any of its classes to see its improvements.

Extensive remodeling was necessary because the Carriage House was classified as an educational facility and therefore had to comply with requirements of the life-safety code.

Spring classes were not held in order to facilitate work. The building has been rewired and has new lighting and a fire alarm system. Both stairways were repaired, making the upstairs space usable. In June, Carriage House volunteers spent an entire day painting and staining the interior.

Work was completed in time for 600 children to register for a very successful summer session.

Fall classes will be held during an eight week period from Sept. 17 to Nov. 10. Registration is on Sept. 8 from 10-1 at the Carriage House.

Programs for the fall session will be sent home with school children. They are also available at The Bell Pull or by contacting Judy Grieve, 422-8830.

#### **GRANT RECEIVED**

Barbara Dunn announced that the Homestead has received a grant from the Historical and Architectural Sites Commission to cover the cost of storm windows for the remaining 19 windows of the house. We are most grateful for the support which the Commission has given our project.

ment. It is noped that this will be the first of a series of annual ornaments to collect.

#### A PLAQUE TO HONOR LIFE MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of the James Millikin Homestead voted at the August 6 meeting to install a plaque in the hallway of the home that will list the names of Life Members of the Homestead on individual brass plates. We are indeed grateful to the people who have shown their support to the restoration project by their generous donations. Recent Life Members are Bob and Jeannine Schaub, who donated stock to the Homestead.

#### IS YOUR NAME MISSING?

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS INCLUDED ON OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST. IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TO RE-NEW, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Sullday of each month from 24 P.M. Call Debbie Hennelly at 429-6839 for details.

If you lean toward arts, crafts, or needlework, contact the chairmen of the Victorian Christmas Boutique Janet Couter, 429-7604; Linda May, 877-2989; or Ann Seidman, 428-0644. This is work that you can do at home.

A variety of helpers, from guides to donut-servers, will be needed at the "Harvest at the Homestead" on October 7. Call Luanne Unks at 429-3067 to volunteer.

#### RECOGNITION FOR THE HOMESTEAD

The Decatur Historical and Architectural Sites Commission will place a plaque on the front entry doors of the Home in recognition of the James Millikin home as an example of a well restored structure. The plaque is a cast basrelief of the Transfer House, another Decatur landmark.

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