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### SHARE A LITTLE OF YOURSELF WITH JMH

Who said, "You can ask me for anything you like, except time"? Unfortunately, the answer seems to be: most of us. Most of us are busy—busy with our lives, busy in volunteer work, busy with our families.

And yet, that's just what we at James Millikin Homestead are asking—for your time.

A handful of members have helped get the Homestead organization going, and now they need more than monetary help from those of us who care about the future of the Home.

They're not asking for your help in painting, plastering, hammering, or even doing the weekly cleaning. They need members to help address these periodic newsletters, to pour at teas, to plan programs, to prepare refreshments, to show school children through the Home, to dream up money-making projects, to telephone, to type...

Whether you have a free hour to give at home or a morning to meet with a group, you're as welcome at the Homestead as the sunshine in autumn. Give President Barbara Hostetler a call at 428-3268 to volunteer whatever time and talent you can share.

(By the way, it's Napoleon who gets credit for the above quote. But haven't you heard it from lots of people since he said it?)

#### RESTORATION WORK WILL RESUME IN LOWER HALL

Carolyn Likins, chairperson of the Jr. Welfare restoration committee, reports that Mr. Leonard Edwards will begin work in the lower hall in October. Estimates are being prepared for finishing the stairwell and clean-up of the upstairs hall. Funding for this work is being provided by James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

The hallway will be papered. Ellen Sheffer and Luanne Unks have been viewing samples and selecting light fixtures.

The gift of a lovely chandelier from Mrs. Noonan, mother of Debbie Hennelly is gratefully acknowl-

#### FALL FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

The annual fall open house of the Homestead will be held October 2 with a rain date of October 9, 1-5 p.m.

The opening ceremonies will include flag raising and a presentation of a plaque from Jr. Welfare Association to Zonta for the \$10,000 gift used to restore the north parlor of the Homestead.

Tours of the home and carriage house will be given free of charge. People can donate to the restoration in boxes placed in the home.

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF JMH ANNOUNCES PLANS

By Adele Glenn

"Antiques for Young Moderns" will be the topic for the first of a series informal talks to be offered to members and their guests at the Homestead. Thursday, October 20, Mrs. John Cardwell, Mrs. B. Zink Sanders, and Mrs. Robert Farrington will show slides of their antiques and discuss their methods of selection, refinishing, use as decorative or functional furniture in their homes.

Box lunches will be served at noon. Reservations may be made for members and guests at \$2.50 for members and \$3.00 for guests (includes lunch and program) by calling Mrs. Clarence Glenn (423-9669 or 423-3603) or members of the program committee: Mrs. Dean Madden, Mrs. Jeffrey Taylor, Mrs. George Prust, Mrs. Roger Snelson, or Mrs. Edward Bright. A reservation sheet will also be available at the Bell Pull. Reservations will be limited to space available in the two parlors.

A tour of the historic homes of Springfield is planned for Tuesday, November 1. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Barringer will act as guides for the morning trip, which will conclude at Freeman-Hughes House, a Victorian home built in 1878. After luncheon the group will be given a conducted tour of the Governor's

### Visions of Sugarplums





# Dessert Cook Book

for James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

## TREASURE OF TASTY TREATS HOMESTEAD FUND-RAISER

Report by Claudia Taylor

It is a pleasure to announce the completion of our Victorian Dessert Cook Book. Over the last year the committee has sifted through the various recipes submitted for our use. The results are found within our booklet entitled "Visions of Sugarplums." These recipes represent a combination of treasured family sweets served over the years and other recipes no longer available in the cook books of today.

As research for the refreshments for the Christmas reception, which will be held in the Homestead, Sunday, December 4, progressed, we found a wealth of information to share. Part of the research included cover design. It is an adaptation of a fashion drawing used in the early 1900's by a department store for their customer catalogue. The original reprint emphasized the hat; described as "a bonnet of tartan satin with cap-shaped crown." The catalogue print will be on display at the Homestead during the Christmas Reception.

The booklets will sell for \$2.50 each, proceeds going to James Millikin Homestead, Inc. They will be available after September 15 at the Homestead, the Fall Festival, or by calling Claudia Taylor, 429-7858.

These recipes are included to whet your appetite.

### GRANDMA'S SYRUP PIE

- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 Tablespoons melted butter
- 2 unbaked pie crusts

Mix all, except crusts, in bowl. Pour into crust; top with crust. Bake at 300 degrees for 30-45 minutes. 6 servings.

This recipe has been passed down for five generations of an Illinois family.

### BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup blackberry jam
- 1/3 cup sour milk
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream butter, sugar, add egg yolks and jam. Dissolve soda in milk. Alternate milk and flour and dry ingredients (sifted). Fold in beaten egg whites. Bake in moderate oven at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Use a loaf pan.

Charlene Wagner  
(Mrs. Robert E.)

Recipe belonging to her great-grandmother.

### CLASSIFIED AD

**WANTED:** Bright, cheerful, enthusiastic volunteer (will settle for medium-smart, fairly grumpy, mildly interested party) who is willing to work on researching grants for the James Millikin Homestead. Previous grant-writing experience and membership in JMH is not a requirement. Right person will get a free lunch and satisfaction of working in a worthwhile placement. Fringe benefits: no committee meetings, much of work can be done at home, work with person who will not give you an inferiority complex. For further information, call Jeannine Schaub, an extremely "equal" employer.

from Mrs. Noonan, mother of Debbie Hennelly is gratefully acknowledged.

The committee also expresses its appreciation to the Architectural and Historical Sites Commission for the grant of \$5000 which paid entirely for the asphalt parking area and took us out of the mud.

## THE CARRIAGE HOUSE ANNOUNCES FALL CLASSES

Registration for Carriage House classes sponsored by Junior Welfare will be Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carriage House.

There is a wide range of activities for those from three to eighty-three.

Pre-school activities include Fun with Art, Cooking for fours and fives, and Creative Movement.

Grade Schoolers may enroll in Cider Pressin'; Fun with Art, Fun with Clay, Paper Mache, Cooking, Geology, Creative Dramatics, Woodworking, Cookies, Candies, and Christmas Goodies; Crochet a Muffler, Embroidery, Knitting, Crewel, and Elementary Art.

Classes for Jr. High Age Youth include: Everybody is a poet, creative stitchery, basic pottery, solar products, macrame, advanced macrame, intermediate art.

High School offerings are Big Industry, Geneology, and several ceramics courses.

Many of the classes listed in junior high and grade school categories are also available for teens and adults.

In addition, adults may take Quilling, Memory Boxes, Dip 'n Drape, and Drawing.

Courses range in time from one day to several weeks and in price depending on the nature of the class.

Mini-classes will also be developed upon request for school children.

This year the Carriage House is fortunate to have the services of Mr. Larry Calhoun, talented potter and artist, who will be giving a number of classes as well as working with the public schools. His residency is funded by the public schools, Jr. Welfare, and the Decatur Arts Council.

People can donate to the restoration in boxes placed in the home.

Music will be continuous all afternoon, beginning with the Municipal Band at 1:00 p.m. and followed by Clayton Henderson at the piano, The Grace Note vocal group, a roving barbershop group, and other entertainment not yet confirmed.

The Carriage House will feature Larry Calhoun, artist-in-residence, demonstrating his talents in pottery and print-making.

There will be many items for sale on the grounds. Desserts and beverages will be sold at minimal prices. The fold 'n seal Homestead notes will be available as well as the Jr. Welfare Cookbook, SAMPLES, and the Millikin Homestead, Inc. dessert cookbook, VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS. The patronesses of Jr. Welfare will be selling gingham aprons and calico wreaths, the proceeds of which are earmarked for work in the kitchen of the Homestead.

## GIFTS GALORE AT BELL PULL

Gift items abound at the Bell Pull.

For the sportsman there are hand-painted decoy canvases and sports posters to needlepoint.

The Heritage Collection of the 18th Century lace designs has arrived for those who prefer graphed work.

Trim-a-tree from the Christmas room featuring ornaments and other items in crewel, needlepoint, or counted-cross-stitch.

Gift items such as trays and acrylic plastic key chains are available for inserts. There are also Potpourri Sachets and many other beautiful new things.

Shopping at the Bell Pull is yet another way to support the Homestead.

lunches the group will be given a conducted tour of the Governor's Mansion, and time permitting, visit an antique shop. Reservations will be limited to 38.

"Haviland — the Victorian China" will be the topic of our second talk to be presented by Mrs. Paul Jurgens and Mrs. William Cannon on Wednesday, January 18.

The big December event will be the Victorian Christmas party, December 4, for members only.

The program committee is considering several subjects for informal talks such as oriental rugs, art and entertainment in the Victorian times, plants and herbs of Victorian gardens, and old valentines. They invite members to make suggestions.

If there is interest, a trip to the Clinton Homestead could be planned for the Christmas season. It is also possible to plan a trip to Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, to see Old Shakertown or to make an overnight trip in the spring with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Madden as tour guides. Please indicate places of interest to you.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE THREE JMH MEMBERS

Thanks to Mr. Bill Kneipp for giving of his time, his fertilizer, and his equipment to "green" our turf. We promise to be Scott fans forever.

We also appreciate the donation from poet Lois Harvey, of 20 volumes of her book, "Going Home." They are for sale at \$2.00 in the Bell Pull, proceeds for the Home.

From Mrs. E. L. Simmons we received some pieces of china for use in the Home.

To all these members and many others who gave time, gifts and talent, THANK YOU!