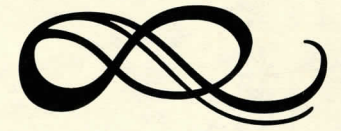


# THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



## GAZETTE

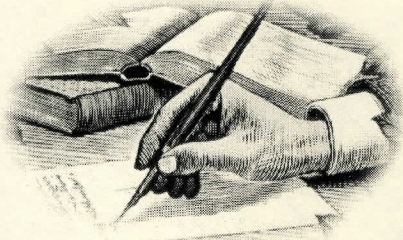


XXXI / 1  
Vol. XXX, No. 4

JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., 125 N. PINE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

July, 2006

### A Note from Your President...



"Parting becomes such sweet sorrow" as we say goodbye to our retiring board members: Sherri Arnold, Donna Manuell, Donna Meinhold, Jodi Powell, and Salli Pritts. We shall miss them and are ever mindful of the valuable contributions each has given the James Millikin Homestead through their talents and labor.

Now we look forward to the new members: Jo Ann Christerson, Niki Foerstsch, Geri Hall, Linda May and Kate Shields joining the board. We appreciate their willingness to serve the Homestead and anticipate a busy and profitable year in 2006-2007.

I wish all of you a manageable summer

The Board and I thank you for your loyal support.

Ann Seidman  
President

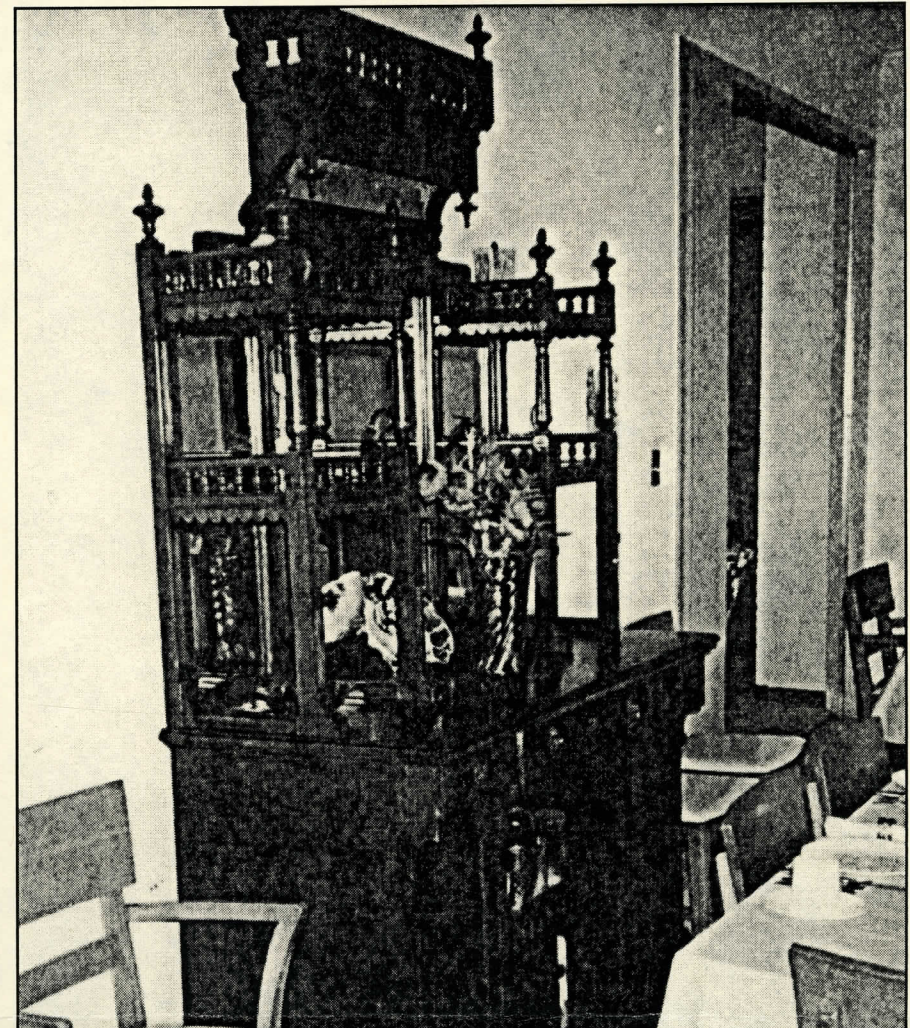
Mr. & Mrs.  
Millikin Days



### A Gift from the Anna B. Home



It is a loss for the community that the Anna B. Millikin Home closed its doors this spring. The board of the Anna B. Millikin Home generously offered the Millikin Homestead to select pieces from the remaining furnishings. For years we had known that the original sideboard from the Homestead's dining room suite was housed in the dining room of the Anna B. Millikin home. We had always hoped to get it back some time, and now was the time! That we would be offered additional items left at the home was a bonus. After careful consideration we made our choice. All furniture pieces are of the Victorian period and will enhance the Homestead.



## Millikin Days

Memories were made for the 680 third graders who visited the Homestead in April. As they let their imaginations wander in stepping "back in time" with this living history adventure, these boys and girls experienced for themselves exactly what life was like for the Millikins. The look of awe and wonder on their faces was rewarding for our volunteer actors. Mr. and Mrs. Millikin earned their respect and attention. They loved listening to the pipe organ and singing along with Mrs. Millikin's friend. The maids impressed them so much. The fact that there were maids at all amazed them. All agreed that they would like to do their homework on the landing in the Oriel window! Best of all, the boys and girls liked the visit to the kitchen where Sophie gave each of them a cookie! The cookies all were donated with good will by Kroger! The volunteer actors worked hard and were rewarded by a box lunch - all donated with a smile by Jim and Kathy Gresham at Lock, Stock and Barrel! We are so very grateful for these donations. Marty knows that her committee is responsible for the success of this great week - Sabrina Hund, Rosemary Idleman, Brigitta Kapp, Donna Manuel, and Ann Seidman.

Marty Grohne

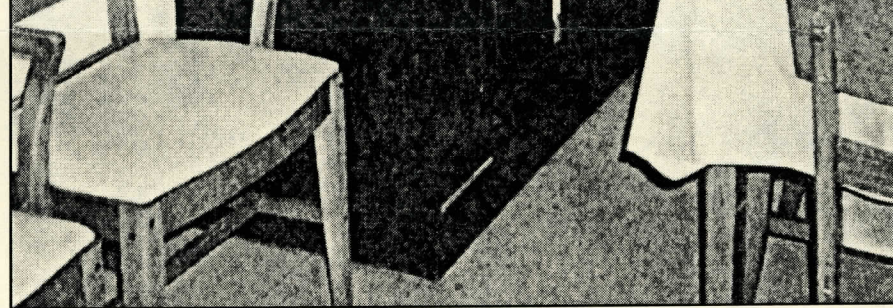
## Facelift for the South Porch!

We are happy to report that Millikin University started work on the south porch at the end of June. Exterior woodwork is being stripped, repaired and repainted. We will keep you updated on the progress!

enhance the Homestead.

### List of items:

- 1 side board (buffet) believed to be original to the James Millikin Homestead
- 1 upright bookcase with content
- 1 hallway mirror unit
- 1 rectangular side table
- 1 curved side table with marble top
- A collection of 11 framed photographs relating to the life of Anna and James Millikin



We greatly appreciate this large donation of furnishings and have already placed them around the Homestead. Come, visit us at a public Sunday Open House and admire our newest acquisitions!!

Our most sincere thanks to the Anna B. Millikin Home Board!

Brigitta Kapp, restoration co-chair for the Millikin Homestead

*The Homestead  
is open for rentals for receptions, showers,  
luncheons and/or dinners and meetings.*

*Call now to reserve your date.*

*Discounts are available  
to Homestead members.*

*Sabrina Hund – 424-0931*

*Brigitta Kapp – 428-9527*

## Volunteers!

It is such fun being a volunteer docent! One never knows what adventure awaits with each event. Recently, on June 9, we had 60 visitors from the Veteran Motor Club of America. Much interest preceded the arrival of the classic vintage cars and their owners. They even brought their own motor home from which delicious refreshments were served. The fellowship (and food) were also extended to our Homestead volunteers. A very good time was enjoyed by all of us.

The icing on the cake for the antique car owners was a tour of one of the Millikin Place homes, graciously offered by Sabrina Hund. This house was commissioned by one of the Muellers, a familiar name to the car lovers.

In addition to special events, volunteer docents enjoy talking about the Millikins and the Homestead on the last Sunday of every month at an open house. I know you will want to get in on the fun of being a docent. This can be arranged by calling Marty at 428-7858 or by email to margrohne@msn.com. You say you don't know what and how to do this. Easy. Contact Marty Grohne and she will train you!

Marty Grohne

## In Sympathy

The JMH board extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Robert Hantel, who died in June. Bob was a dedicated volunteer at the Homestead, serving on the board from 1993 to 2001. During those years he held office as treasurer and vice-president as well as having played the part of James Millikin numerous times during Mr. and Mrs. Millikin Days, including this past April.

It is also appropriate to extend sympathy to a retiring board member, Donna Manuell, and her family upon the sudden death of her son, Christopher Manuell in May.

The James Millikin Homestead

is open to the public

on the last Sunday

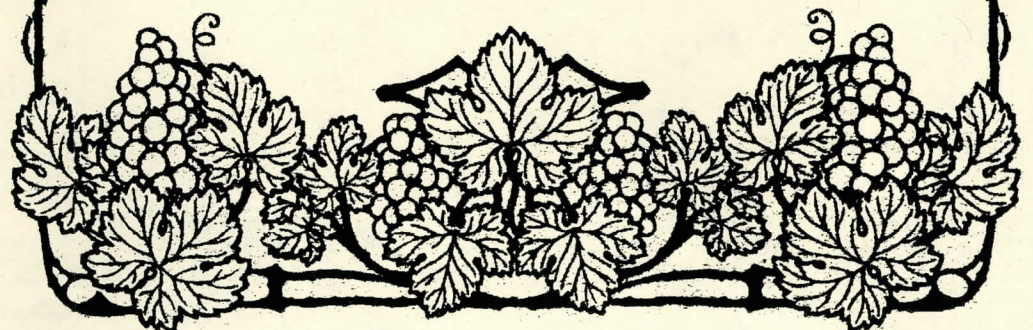
of each month

(April through October)

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Adults - \$2.00,

Children - \$.50.



Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit 226  
Decatur, IL

7/06

JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC.  
P.O. Box 1501  
Decatur, Illinois 62525

**Millikin Homestead  
2006-2007  
Board of Directors**

Janet Beasley  
Jo Ann Christerson  
Niki Foertsch  
Martha Grohne  
Jeri Hall  
Sabrina Hund  
Rosemary Idleman  
Brigitta Kapp  
Margie Kirk  
Ann Manuel  
Linda May  
Barb McElroy  
Ann McEvoy  
Ann Seidman  
Kate Shields

**Officers**

President .....Ann Seidman  
Vice-president.....Sabrina Hund  
Secretary.....Janet Beasley  
Treasurer.....Ann McEvoy  
Historian .....Lou Snelson  
Restoration....Brigitta & Lucien Kapp  
Grounds .....Bill McGaughey  
& Kate Shields



**Please consider the Millikin Homestead  
in your estate plannings.**

**Mission Statement**

*The Mission of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc. is to restore and preserve the interior of this irreplaceable Decatur landmark, thereby raising community awareness of our historical heritage, and promoting preservation for future generations.*

### James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

Regular Member – \$25.00  
 Friend – \$50.00  
 Patron – \$100.00  
 Life – \$1,000.00  
(May be paid in four annual installments)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to  
James Millikin Homestead, Inc.  
and mail to:*

**James Millikin Homestead, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1501  
Decatur, Illinois 62525**

*(Membership is tax deductible)*

Check Our Website for Upcoming Events: <http://www.millikin.edu/millikinhomestead>