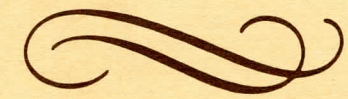


THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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HARVEST AT THE HOMESTEAD HUGE SUCCESS

A crisp sunny fall day combined with extensive newspaper coverage brought record-breaking crowds to the Homestead on October 12. For three hours a continuous flow of people toured the Homestead and then found entertainment on the lawn.

The first floor housed several dollhouses and miniature rooms. Their very generous owners not only set them up for display, but also stayed and answered questions about them all afternoon. A special thanks to our exhibitors: Betty Braun (Mrs. William), Becky Dorgan (Mrs. David), Elelou Lewis (manager of the THINK SMALL shop), Joanna Pounds (Mrs. James), Lou Snelson (Mrs. Rodger), Jim and Betty Weillepp, and Joan Williams (Mrs. Hamil).

An extensive collection of quilts in a wide variety of patterns was on display on the second floor. Several are on permanent loan to the Homestead from the Shellabarger-Hall estate. The remainder of the twenty-four quilts on display were loaned by Judy Grieve, Brigitta Kapp, Charles Nelson, Jane Shade, Sue Shade, Bobby Wolfe, and Susan Zick. We thank them for sharing such treasures with us.

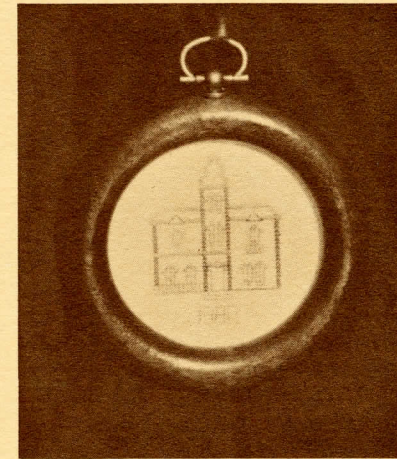
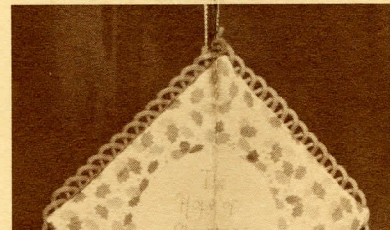
Out on the lawn, refreshments were available. Special entertainment was provided by four very talented musicians who alternated with one another in singing and playing the guitar. We are most grateful to Hale Hegner, Rev. Bill Keagle, Dan Pierce, and Bonnie Wooley for contributing their talents. An additional thanks must go to Steve Braun for the music.



A limited number of this 11" muslin tree-top angel will be for sale at the Homestead's Christmas boutique.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE OFFERS "SOMETHING DIFFERENT"

As always, the Christmas Boutique, Mrs. Millikin's Trunk, held in conjunction with the Victorian Christmas Tea, will feature numerous handmade articles for giving.



The 1980 annual commemorative ornament, a counted cross stitch outline of the Homestead.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS STRAIGHT

As all of you are probably aware, the organization of James Millikin Homestead, Inc., from chairman of the board through committee members, is made up solely of volunteers. We all try hard, but we are not professionals, and sometimes mistakes are made and items are overlooked. The following listing may guide you to the right person if you have a question:

Ruth Prust, Chairman of the Board
If you would like to learn in more detail about some board activity, or if you would like to have something put on the monthly agenda, contact Mrs. Prust at 422-2967.

Susan Shade, Scheduling

The Homestead is available for teas, meetings, receptions, etc. If you would like to schedule something at the Homestead, contact Mrs. Shade at 422-1709 for available dates.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA FAST APPROACHING

This year's Victorian Christmas Tea should be lovelier than ever, according to Ann Seidman, the general coordinator. It is scheduled for December 7 from 1 to 4 P.M.

The decorations, which seem to be more beautiful each year, are once again being provided by Marilyn Madden and her committee. Music is being arranged by Marge May.

Ruth Prust and Peg Luy are in charge of refreshments, and Joanne Jack and Jeanette Bradley are chairmen of hosts and hostesses.

There will once again be a Victorian Christmas Boutique available during the tea. It will feature numerous handmade articles that might be appropriate for the period. (See related article and pictures)

Be sure to mark your calendar — the Victorian Christmas Tea is especially for members, and it IS a very special event.

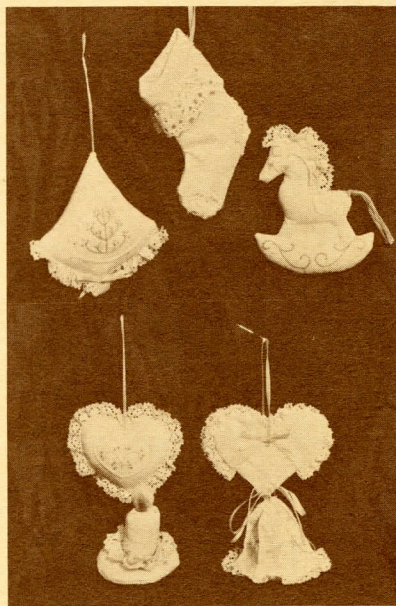
SPRING PROGRAMS SET

A most interesting series of programs entitled "Victorian Restoration and Furnishing" will begin with the new year. They have been organized by Ann Seidman and are sponsored by the Homestead.

The first program is scheduled January 25, 1981, at 1:45 P.M. Debbie Erlanson will present "How to Obtain Low-Cost Money for Restoration of a Private Dwelling." Mrs. Erlanson is director of planning for the Decatur Housing Authority, and is responsible for grant writing. In addition, she and her husband David are in the process of restoring an old house in Decatur. They were

for contributing their talents. An additional thanks must go to Steve Bass from McKeever Communications, who provided and supervised the public address system.

This year's Harvest at the Homestead was organized by Brigitta Kapp, and we congratulate her on its huge success.



A variety of delightfully old-fashioned stuffed muslin ornaments are sure to be very popular at the Homestead's Christmas boutique.

WE GIVE THANKS

Though Thanksgiving may well be past before this issue of the *Gazette* reaches you, we realize that we have much to be thankful for—

—A community which has actively supported all fund-raising efforts done on behalf of the Homestead—and there have been many!

—A university which was willing to believe in the dream of 100 women who, only six years ago, envisioned the Homestead as it is today.

—A membership that continues to support the Homestead with both money and time.

—Countless volunteers who contribute their time, energy, and talents to various Homestead endeavors.

Christmas tree, will feature numerous handmade articles for giving your home a touch of the old-fashioned Christmas.

The annual Homestead commemorative ornament is a counted cross stitch rendition of the Homestead set in a small round wooden frame.

A special feature this year is a muslin tree-top angel with hand-quilted wings. There are numerous small stuffed muslin ornaments including a mouse, a rocking horse, and a heart basket, among others.

Many of the ornaments at this year's boutique incorporate counted cross stitch. There are mini-gift bags featuring counted cross stitch pictures that are perfect for tiny (but valuable) gifts or cash, or perhaps candy canes. These were made by Penny Honnold.

Other counted cross stitch items include small and medium round stuffed ornaments. A new item is a decoration that features a small padded frame of Christmas calico. Within the frames are a variety of sayings appropriate to the season.

There will be more wooden and chalkware ornaments which were popular in last year's boutique. These are created and donated by Dorothy Smethers.

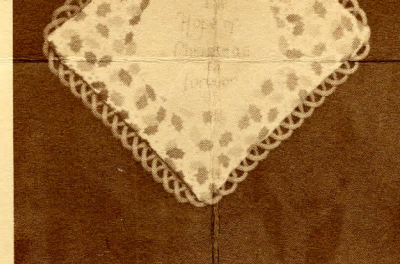
Of special charm are the stuffed ornaments in the shape of a Victorian high-top shoe. These were sewn and donated by Ann Seidman.

A new attraction to this year's boutique is the opportunity to win a miniature room decorated for Christmas. The room itself was made and decorated by Dorothy Smethers. She also made its Christmas tree. The marble fireplace and much of the furniture were generously donated by Betty Braun. Dick Goken made the fireside chair and Betsy Empen, the needlepoint rug. In fact, numerous people have contributed to make this a truly beautiful prize. Be sure to "take a chance" to make it yours!

Betsy Empen and Linda May are acting as co-chairmen of this year's boutique.

**DON'T FORGET THE
HOMESTEAD'S
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
PARTY
DECEMBER 7, 1980**

Photographs in this issue were taken by Ray Huenemeier



A new item in this year's Christmas boutique is a padded frame ornament which contains sayings appropriate to the season.

OUR APOLOGIES...

A complete page of Homestead members was inadvertently left out of the listing of members published in the last issue of the *Gazette*. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

The following names should be added to the original listing:

Individual Members:

Mrs. Russell M. Amdal
*Mrs. Glenn Ash
Mrs. Donald Baird
Miss Charlotte Ballance
Mrs. Ira Barnes
Mrs. Virginia McDougal Barnes
Mrs. Ruth Bass
Mrs. Helen Beeson
*Mrs. H. L. Bering
*Mrs. Harriet Birt
Mrs. H. L. Bohon
Mrs. Audrey E. Borchers
Mrs. Graham Bradley
Marjorie E. Bremer
Mrs. Neva L. Bridges
Mrs. Edward Bright
Mrs. Otto Brosius
Mrs. Harold Budde
Marilyn M. Burgstahler
Mrs. A. W. Burks
Mrs. Virgil Burns
Mrs. Helen Buttz
Mrs. Robert G. Canham
Ms. Lesley Cardwell
Mrs. Daniel Carey
Mrs. Gaugher M. Carlson
*Mrs. Robert J. Carroll
Mrs. James A. Chiligris
Mrs. Anne M. Chumbley
Mrs. Jacquelen S. Cobb
*Mrs. Ralph Colburn
Mrs. George Cook
Mrs. Mabel H. Cooper
Mrs. Ted R. Corrington

*Denotes new member

The Homestead could not exist without the ongoing support of our membership, and we do apologize to these individuals for the earlier omission of their names

ting at the Homestead, contact Mrs. Shade at 422-1709 for available dates.

Barbara Dunn, Treasurer

Mrs. Dunn can answer any questions pertaining to payment of dues or status of membership. For example, if your name is not on the membership list, you should first contact her to see that she received your dues, before checking with the membership chairman. She may be reached at 422-0115.

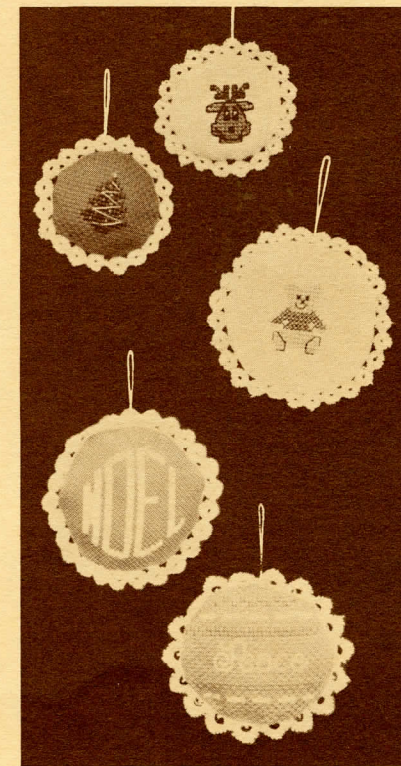
Celeste Lambert, Membership

The membership chairman maintains and updates files of members. If you wish to change the listing of your name or your address, please contact Mrs. Lambert at 877-9849.

Belva Hammond, Newsletter Distributor

All members of the Homestead should receive issues of the Homestead *Gazette*, which is published 3-4 times per year. If you know a member who is not receiving it at this time, he should contact Mrs. Hammond at 422-1288.

As is obvious, the lack of a "central office" makes for numerous different files. This, of course, increases the possibility of error, so we hope that you will help us with any necessary corrections, and understand our problems.



Pictured above are a few of the 100 stuffed counted cross stitch ornaments that will be sold at the Homestead's Christmas Boutique

David is in the process of restoring an old house in Decatur. They were the first to receive a grant for federal assistance to restore a private dwelling in Decatur. Refreshments will be served by Joanne Carey and her committee.

On February 15, 1981, Martha Wait will present a program at 1:45 P.M. Her topic is "Victorian Wall Coverings and Frames." Ms. Wait is manager of Wait's Picture Frames and Art Supplies. She has traveled extensively and has developed a deep interest in art and design. She has a degree from Illinois State University with additional work at Nan Zan University in Nogaya, Japan, and the University at Grenoble, France. Refreshments will be served by Joanne Carey following the program.

The third program in the series is on March 8, 1981, at 1:45 P.M. The speaker is Wes Wittingham, a well known Central Illinois decorator. His topic is "Decorating with Victorian Antiques and Reproductions." Refreshments will be served.

HOMESTEAD MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING

Though the 1980 membership drive is officially over, we are always glad to welcome more members. Celeste Lambert, Homestead membership chairman, reports that the following persons have subscribed to Homestead memberships since the last publication of the *Gazette*:

Patron:

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Flint

Family:

Helen A. Beck
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Colvis
*Mr and Mrs. David Erlanson
Mr. and Mrs. W. Richard Fisher
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Jurgens
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Likins
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ousley
*Mr. and Mrs. Clark Waldmier

Individual:

Mrs. Paul Berryhill
Mrs. Robert L. Baker
Mrs. Neva Bridges
Mrs. Lyle DeWitt
Mrs. Thomas V. Fischer
Miss Martha Hanes
Mrs. A. Lewis Hull
Peggy Smith Luy
Mrs. Norbert McNamara
*Mr. Charlie Nelson
William A. Suter
Mrs. Michael Vitale

*Denotes new member

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HOMESTEAD

- December 7, 1980 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Victorian Christmas Tea and Boutique for members of the Homestead
- December 10, 1980 9:30 - 12:00 A.M. - Boutique Sale - for any items not sold at the Victorian Christmas Tea
- January 25, 1981 1:45 P.M. - Program: "How to Obtain Low-Cost Money for Restoration of a Private Dwelling" Debbie Erlanson, speaker
- February 15, 1981 1:45 P.M. - Program: "Victorian Wall Coverings and Frames" Martha Wait, speaker
- March 8, 1981 1:45 P.M. - Program: "Decorating with Victorian Antiques and Reproductions" Wes Wittingham, speaker
- March 31, 1981 - Beginning of 1981-82 Membership Drive for James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

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