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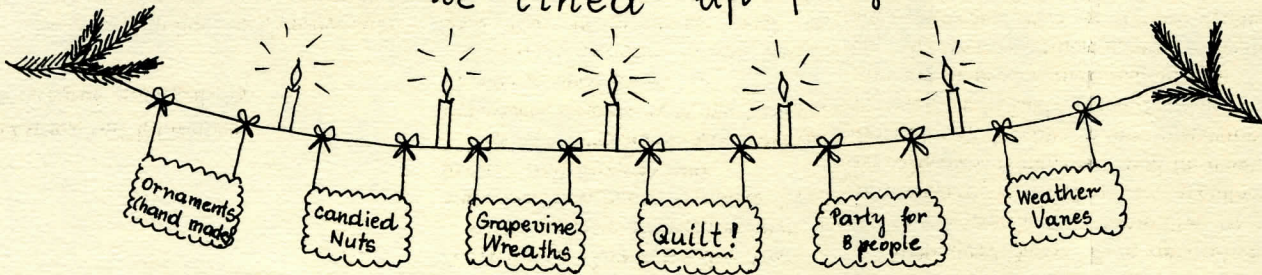
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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., DECATUR, ILLINOIS

November, 1983



Look
what we "lined" up for you!



Christmas Potpourri Awaits Members At Annual Party

Visions of sugar plums...and pleasant dreams...will greet the person who wins the exquisite candlewick quilt the Homestead Board is raffling this Christmas. The quilt, stitched by Betty Empen and Linda May, will be on display during the annual Victorian Christmas Party, from 1:30 until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 4.

Homestead board members are selling raffle tickets, which are one dollar each or six for five dollars. Two are included with this newsletter and tickets will be sold during the Christmas party and the public December open house.

The two talented stitchers each spent about 40 hours working on the quilt, which features different designs in its squares. The natural shade will blend well with any decorating plan.

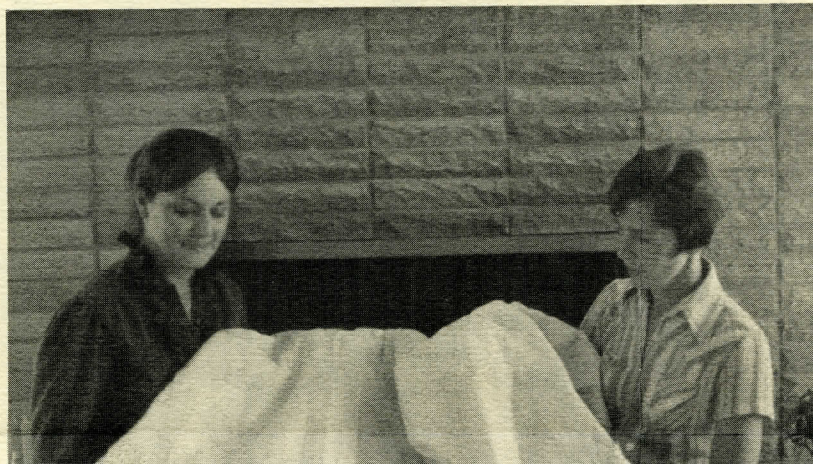
Those wishing to buy the tickets in this newsletter should mail the stubs

The door prize and catered dinner winners will be drawn after the members' Victorian Christmas party. Winner of the quilt will be drawn after the public open house.

Of course, all proceeds will benefit the Homestead.

As a post script to this article, it

should be noted that those of you having a colored dot next to it have not joined the Homestead this year! We hope you'll join us...not only so that you'll be eligible for all these marvelous prizes...but also because we need your support!



Kapp's Corner Escaping to Florida at the Turn of the Century!

Spending the winter months in Florida is "nothing new"; people always liked the idea of trading snow and ice for the warm Florida sun. Mrs. Millikin was no different.

The following letter was written by

her during her stay at the San Juan Hotel in Orlando, Florida in the winter of 1907/1908. The letter is addressed to Mrs. Haworth, a well known Decatur resident active in cultural matters.

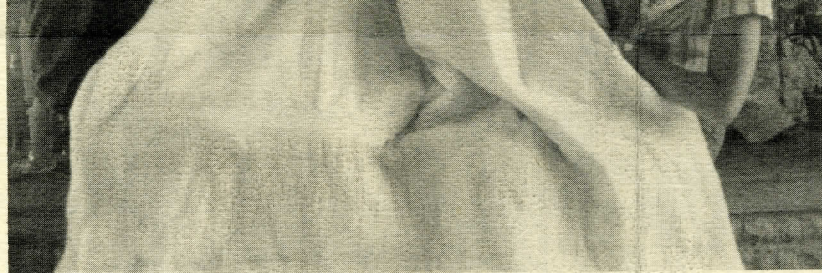


Dear Mrs. Haworth
I regret very much, that I cannot be with the Colonial Dames - on the 22nd as you do be Colonial Dames. Which I know all about it, as I could think of it as it transpired, and I have to wait and wonder until I hear "after the fair". As I cannot be there, it gives me pleasure to offer the "Art Class" our Fox in the University Auditorium. For Ben Grist - it will not accommodate the entire class, but I presume as many out of the number as will find it convenient to attend - as you enter, please ask the usher to seat you in our Fox. I have written the University - I think eight or perhaps more, can be seated - ask for more chairs if needed. May I leave this in your hands to attend to with your accustomed ability. I telegraphed the class last year, and do not want to force it on them - if you conclude some of the ladies care for it - please

well with any decorating plan. Those wishing to buy the tickets in this newsletter should mail the stubs with their names and addresses to Brigitta Kapp, 5 Millikin Place, 62522. A check for two dollars should also be enclosed.

Homestead members also have a chance for another exciting raffle prize. A catered party...with the date, time, and type their choice...will be cooked and served by Homestead Board members. Two tickets for this prize are also attached. Again, ticket stubs and money should be mailed to Brigitta Kapp.

Homestead members attending the Christmas Party have yet another bonus. A free rental will be drawn as a door prize from members who have deposited their names when they attend the party.



Linda May (l.) and Betsy Empen inspect their handiwork. The two spent approximately 80 hours candle wicking the quilt the Homestead Board will raffle this Christmas.



Board Plans Fall, Winter Activities

Fund raising activities and the Victorian Christmas party have been primary parts of the agendas of September and October board meetings.

In addition to the October and November Sunday brunches, board members Kapp and Hackel have catered a luncheon at the Homestead. A profit was cleared for the event.

A nominating committee met to select two new board members, Marie Bennett and Betsy Empen.

The September meeting also brought volunteers to assist with the Victorian Christmas open house.

Contracts between Junior Welfare and the Homestead and the Homestead, Junior Welfare and Millikin University were signed at the October board meeting. The agreements spell out Junior Welfare's contributing member status and the positions of each group in relation to the Homestead.

Plans for the Victorian Christmas Party were also reported to be progressing. Decorations for the holiday will be planned by Marilyn Madden and Joan Cordes. Barbara Hackel and Brigitta Kapp assumed command of the open house, with the active support of the board. Junior Welfare members are contributing ornaments for the annual Christmas boutique. Several board members are also stitching.

Approval for much needed kitchen carpeting was granted at the meeting.



Homestead Board Adds New Members

Betsy Empen and Marie Bennett will bring their talents to the James Millikin Homestead Board. Both were selected by the nominating committee to fill unexpired terms of resigned members.

Marlene Donaldson will be leaving the city, leading to her resignation. Lucy Smith had resigned because of an increase in her work assignments.

In another board change, Maxine Kopetz has taken on the job of chair for membership. She will direct ongoing membership activities, including the spring membership drive.

Homestead Board

Brigitta Kapp	president, restoration chair	428-9527
Joan Chiligiris	vice president, volunteer chair	877-5771
Joan Cordes	recording secretary	428-9092
Kathy Farrington	treasurer	423-4697
Jim Alpi	house chair	423-8423
Marie Bennett	Welcome aboard!	429-5735
Betsy Empen	marvelous quilter	877-2664
David Erlanson	house chair	429-2728
Stephen Graliker	assistant chair, membership	423-8557
Barbara Hackel	scheduling chair	423-4122
Maxine Kopetz	membership chair	1-864-3296
Marilyn Madden	procurement chair	422-1304
Dorothy Smethers	star volunteer	877-6143
Deborah Staley	documentation	422-5942
Sally Tyler	newsletter & publicity chair	423-4690

To force it on them, if you conclude none of the ladies care for it, please take it yourself, and fill it with sewing you are sure will appreciate the play, letting Mr. & Mrs. Harry Crow and Dr. and Mrs. Randall to among the number. if you have enough ladies to fill without the gentlemen, let the husbands find seats where they can and keep the ladies with you.

Cordially
Anna B. Millikin

February 17th 1908
You have not given me your number

This letter is in the possession of Mrs. Robert Creason, 3109, Kent Ave., Decatur. Mrs. Creason has an

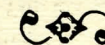
old scrapbook that belonged to Mrs. Haworth, and the letter is part of the memorabilia collected in it.

GAZETTE Ideas, Articles Accepted

Editing a newsletter does not mean writing a newsletter. The Homestead board and, most especially, Sally Tyler, newsletter editor, welcome any suggestions for articles or articles that any Homestead member or person from the community may want to write. Pictures would also be a welcome addition.

Prospective GAZETTE reporters should send articles and ideas to: Sally Tyler, 1420 West Sunset Avenue, Decatur 62522.

—Sally Tyler



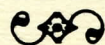
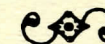
Mrs. Whitley Honored in Memorial Gift

Several Decatur families have presented a gift to the Homestead in the memory of Mrs. J. T. Whitley. Mrs. Whitley was patroness of the Homestead since its restoration's beginning and was a life member.

Families included in honoring Mrs. Whitley are Mrs. Alvin R. Geibel, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Snelson, Mrs. Edward Sandell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffy, Miss Laura and Miss Margaret Bolinger, Mr. Paul Tick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Loofbourrow.

The homestead gratefully acknowledges their generosity.

The Homestead has added a Life Membership Memorial classification to the Life Memberships. Homestead contributions may be made in an individual's memory. When these total \$1000, that person becomes a life member, posthumously.



Homestead Brunches Continue Successfully

The first Sundays in October and November brought two successful brunches given by the Homestead Board..with quite a bit of help from their friends.

Sixty-five enjoyed the October meal, which brought over \$200 to help meet Homestead expenses. Several Homestead members and Junior Welfare members volunteered to bake ahead or to work on the day of the brunch.

The November brunch was primarily for those returning for Millikin University's Homecoming. As the GAZETTE goes to press, over seventy people plan to attend the brunch. Again, Junior Welfare members are contributing their cooking skills with bakery donations and by assembling brunch dishes.

Future brunch dates will be announced.

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Student Membership	\$5.00 per year
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Life Membership	\$1000.00 (payable over four years)



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Participation in preservation of the historic heritage of Decatur.
- Advance notice of Homestead-sponsored tours and programs.
- Subscription to The Homestead Gazette.
- Invitation to the annual Victorian Christmas party.
- Reduced Homestead rental fees.