

# THE ERIE CHRONICLE

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ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, THE ECHS WILL MEET AT THE NEW MERRY-GO-ROUND MUSEUM IN THE OLD POST OFFICE AT 2:30. MUSEUM DIRECTOR RACHEL PRATT WILL GIVE US A TOUR AND EXPLAIN WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. THE MUSEUM WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN JUNE, SO WE ARE HAVING A SPECIAL PREVIEW. AN EASY WAY INTO THE BUILDING IS THROUGH A DOOR MARKED "EMPLOYEES ONLY" NEXT TO THE LOADING PLATFORM IN THE PARKING LOT TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE STEPS UP THERE.

## NEW PROJECT FROM ROSINO FUND

AT THE MARCH MEETING, THE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$3600 FROM THE ROSINO FUND TO BE USED TO PAY FOR AN HISTORIC INVENTORY OF PERKINS TOWNSHIP. THERE ARE MANY CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE TOWNSHIP AND MANY OF THE OLDER BUILDINGS ARE DISAPPEARING. THE LOVELY OLD HOUSE SHOWN ON THIS FIRST SURVEY SHEET IS GONE NOW..

THE SURVEY IS BEING DONE BY SHARI BOWERS, A NATIVE OF THE AREA AND A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOL-EDO WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION. SHE WILL BE AT THE MAY 20 MEETING TO EXPLAIN HER PROJECT AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No.		2. County <b>Erie</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Mattews Ford Lincoln Mercury Inc.</b>		3. Location of Negative <b>Erie Cty Hist. Society</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>John Beatty-John Dewitt</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>2805 Milan Road Lot # 51 Perkins Township "Sandusky" Perkins Ave.</b>		16. Thematic Association(s) <b>residential</b>		17. Date(s) for Name <b>c. 1848-1853</b>		17a. Alteration Detail(s) <input type="checkbox"/> High Style <input type="checkbox"/> Elements		18. Style or Design <b>Gothic Revival</b>		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) <b>Frame addition</b>		19. Architect or Engineer		20. Contractor or Builder		21. Building Type or Plan <b>residential</b>		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Demolished</b>		23. Present Use <b>Demolished</b>		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Mattews Ford Lincoln Mercury Inc. Sandusky, Ohio 44870</b>		26. Property Acreage		27. Other Surveys in Which Included		28. No. of Stories <b>2</b>		29. Basements <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		30. Foundation Material <b>stone/brick</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>brick</b>		32. Roof type & Material <b>gable &amp; slate</b>		33. No. of Bays Front <input type="checkbox"/> Side <input type="checkbox"/>		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>brick</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>rectangular</b>		36. Changes (Explain in #42) <b>Demolished 4-16-90</b>		37. Windows (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> over 6 <input type="checkbox"/> over 2 <input type="checkbox"/> over 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other		38. Building Dimensions <b>37'x6'</b>		39. Endangered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		40. Summary Assessment <b>two ridge</b>		41. Distance from and 25 ft. Frontage on Road <b>Milan Rd 109 Marissee Drive</b>		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) <b>This building contains many elements of high style Gothic Revival. There is a decorated verge board, roof/wall junction is a slight eave overhang open not boxed, centered gable, full width one story porch, porch supports chamfered, and windows contain a table mold. The exterior is a fired brick material. Double doors that are</b>		43. Historic Significance (Continue on reverse if necessary) <b>The Gothic Revival building was one among the many that were built between the 1840s-1870s according to Virginia and Lee McAlester in American Houses. This style was seldom applied to urban houses and was more typical in a rural setting. John Beatty was a proprietor in</b>		44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #28) <b>The house was located back off Milan Road. The area around it is mostly commercial with also a residential area to the south of the structure. In front of the structure is a Sohio Station</b>		45. Sources of Information <b>Field Observation, County Court House records from the tax map office such as the Grand List</b>		46. Prepared by <b>Shari Bowers</b>		47. Organization <b>Erie County Historical Society</b>		48. Date Recorded in Field <b>April 1990</b>		49. Revised by		50a. Date Revised		50b. Reviewed by	
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THE FOLLETT HOUSE MUSEUM OPENED THE FIRST OF APRIL FOR THIS YEAR. UNTIL JUNE, IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 1 TO 4 ON SUNDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, WITH SPECIAL TOURS SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT. AFTER JUNE 1ST, THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 1 TO 4.

FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE ARE MANY LOVELY HATS FROM THE PAST HUNDRED OR SO YEARS.

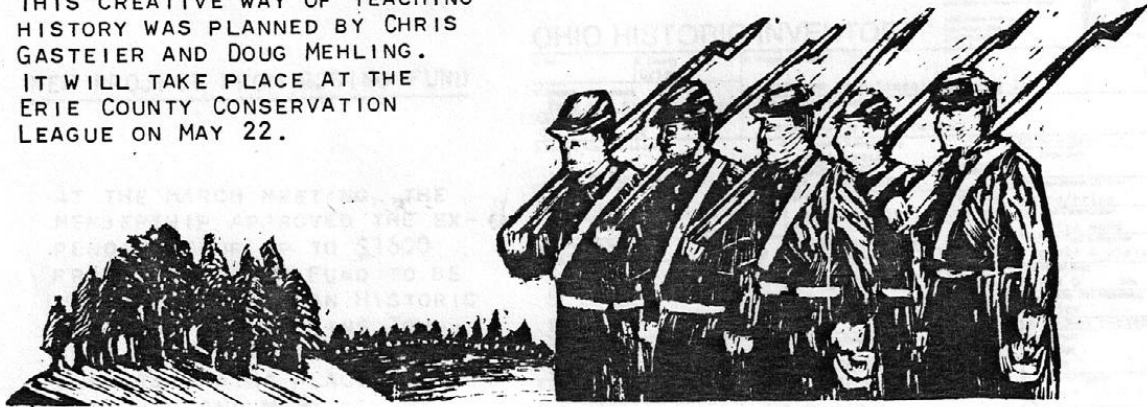
A NEW ACQUISITION IS THE LIFE RING FROM THE PILOT HOUSE OF THE G. A. BOECKLING.

THE FRONT AND BACK PARLOR ARE PARTICULARLY BEAUTIFUL WITH THEIR NEWLY REFINISHED FLOORS.



### CIVIL WAR TO TAKE PLACE IN PERKINS TOWNSHIP

AT OUR MARCH MEETING, A MOTION WAS APPROVED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE "CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT DAY" BEING HELD BY THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL. 130 JUNIOR CLASS STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT ACTUAL CONDITIONS DURING WAR TIME WITH DRILLING, SCOUTING, BATTLE TACTICS AND MEDICAL CARE, FINISHING THE DAY WITH A MEAL OF HARD TACK, STEW AND COFFEE. THIS CREATIVE WAY OF TEACHING HISTORY WAS PLANNED BY CHRIS GASTEIER AND DOUG MEHLING. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ERIE COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE ON MAY 22.



"FREEDOM TRAIN" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, IF WE CAN JUDGE FROM THE THANK-YOUS WE RECEIVED THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE AND THE LETTERS WE RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL CHILDREN. THE DAYTIME PERFORMANCE WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 1600 CHILDREN FROM FIFTH GRADES IN SCHOOLS IN SANDUSKY, PERKINS, HURON AND MARGARETTA. THANKS TO THE EXCELLENT PLANNING OF GEORGE MYLANDER AND THE HELP OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR SOCIETY WHO SERVED AS USHERS, THE WHOLE EVENT MOVED VERY SMOOTHLY. THE EVENING PERFORMANCE WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 1000 ADULTS AND CHILDREN. THE CAST AND STAGE CREW WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE ECHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE HOME OF DON AND JANET SENNE. THEY WERE DELIGHTFUL YOUNG PEOPLE AND WERE INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF OUR AREA AS IT INVOLVED THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD. THEY HAD BEEN ON THE ROAD SINCE JANUARY AND WERE GLAD TO BE INVITED INTO A HOME. THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD FOUND PEOPLE IN OHIO THE MOST HOSPITABLE.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT COST A LITTLE OVER \$3300. A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE BOARD TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED. WE FEEL THAT LYNN AND MAE WOULD HAVE LIKED THIS EVENT, DON'T YOU?