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## BOY WITH THE BOOT

Our old friend will be back in the park soon--at least, his younger brother will be--and he will be standing tall in the fountain all year round. Our source at city hall tells us that the new bronze statue will be ready soon. The board expressed their feelings that we would like to see the new statue also painted white for tradition's sake. We hope you all feel that way too, since it came out in the paper that it was the opinion of the society. Plans are for the repaired original to stand in the lobby of the city building.

The publicity about the vandalism led "Historic Preservation" magazine to call Ellie Damm to inquire about the history of the statue. She says we should look for a story in this national magazine soon.

In case you have been looking for the small china figures of the boy, they are now available at most downtown gift stores and at the Follett House gift shop. Ruth Sehlmeier played detective and located the mold in Japan, so the Old House Guild ordered a large quantity of the popular figurines.



Our MARCH MEETING will be held on Sunday the 15th in the Firelands Room in the Frost Recreation Center in Osborn Park at 2:30 pm. Katherine Wunderly will present the program. Katherine spends many of her waking hours at the microfilm machine in the library and has accumulated an amazing amount of knowledge about Sandusky and Erie County. She does genealogical research on request and has done many research projects of her own. She frequently helps with questions that come to the ECHS mailbox. Her subject will be "Victims of the Cholera Epidemic of 1849". Refreshments will be served and, as always, guests are welcome.

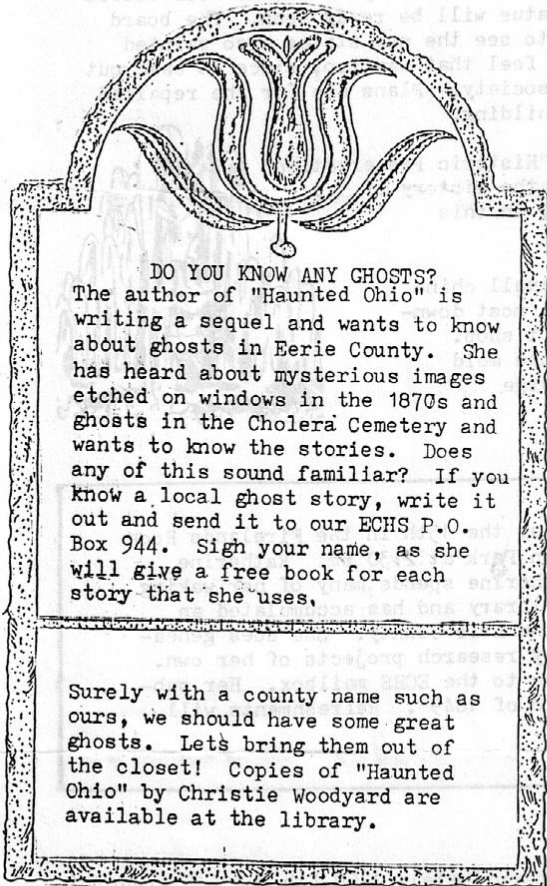


Thanks to GEORGE MYLANDER approximately 1700 5th and 6th graders and their teachers filed into the State Theatre and found their seats in an orderly manner. He had it planned down to the last seat (and there weren't many left over). They seemed to enjoy the presentation of "Columbus" on the afternoon of February 6. The evening audience was small but also appreciative. We were glad that Winifred Healy was able to attend and see what her brother's generous gift made possible.

Thanks to DEAN LUCAL for printing this newsletter.

FOLLETT HOUSE TO OPEN

The Follett House will open for the 1992 season on Thursday, April 2 and be open from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday until June 1 when they will be open every day. There is a new exhibit of World War II memorabilia and the usual beautiful new dried flower arrangements in every room. In the gift shop are books by local authors Ellie Damm, Glen Everett and Henry Jacoby, as well as the ever popular "At Home in Early Sandusky" by Helen Hansen. Featured is the new book by Helen and Virginia Steinemann, "From the Widow's Walk", which costs \$29.95 for the hard cover edition and \$16.95 for the soft cover. "At Home" costs \$8.00.



DO YOU KNOW ANY GHOSTS?  
The author of "Haunted Ohio" is writing a sequel and wants to know about ghosts in Erie County. She has heard about mysterious images etched on windows in the 1870s and ghosts in the Cholera Cemetery and wants to know the stories. Does any of this sound familiar? If you know a local ghost story, write it out and send it to our ECHS P.O. Box 944. Sign your name, as she will give a free book for each story that she uses.

Surely with a county name such as ours, we should have some great ghosts. Lets bring them out of the closet! Copies of "Haunted Ohio" by Christie Woodyard are available at the library.



To our new member, Ann Gilcher. Ann is the president of the Erie County Genealogical Society.



FOR ON YOUR CALENDAR

- March 14 Lyme Village Antique Doll and Toy Show Open 1 - 5  
Puppet Shows at 2 3 and 4
- March 15 ECHS Meeting 2:30 pm
- April 2 Follett House Re-opens
- April 25-26 Quilt Show at Lyme Village
- May 17 ECHS Meeting 2:30 pm  
Program by Ellie Damm on Entering the Milan Canal on the National Register  
More information later on this.

FIRELANDS BICENTENNIAL

On May 10, 1792, the General Assembly of the state of Connecticut passed a resolution releasing five hundred thousand acres of land at the western end of their Western Reserve to the residents of nine coastal towns who had losses by fire during the Revolution. The Lake Erie Firelands Tourist Council is planning a community celebration of this event and the Erie County Historical Society has been asked to be a part of the planning at a meeting on March 10. We will have something to report at the March 15 meeting.