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Message from the President

WHEN movies were the main medium of entertainment, the Roxy in downtown Lockport provided 2 ½ hours of pure bliss. One or more cartoons, short subjects, and serials might have preceded the feature drama, comedy, or musical.

I remember that one of the short subjects was called "Time Marches On." In my younger years, I felt that it was more like "time drags on." Now for our society, time is of the essence.

Our organization has been in operation for one year. In our official capacity, much genealogical and historical data has been gathered. Librarian Ruth Waldvogel, Genealogist Jacqueline Munch, and Historian Georgene Bankroff have been organizing our growing collection. Others have coordinated all the many wonderful programs you have enjoyed.

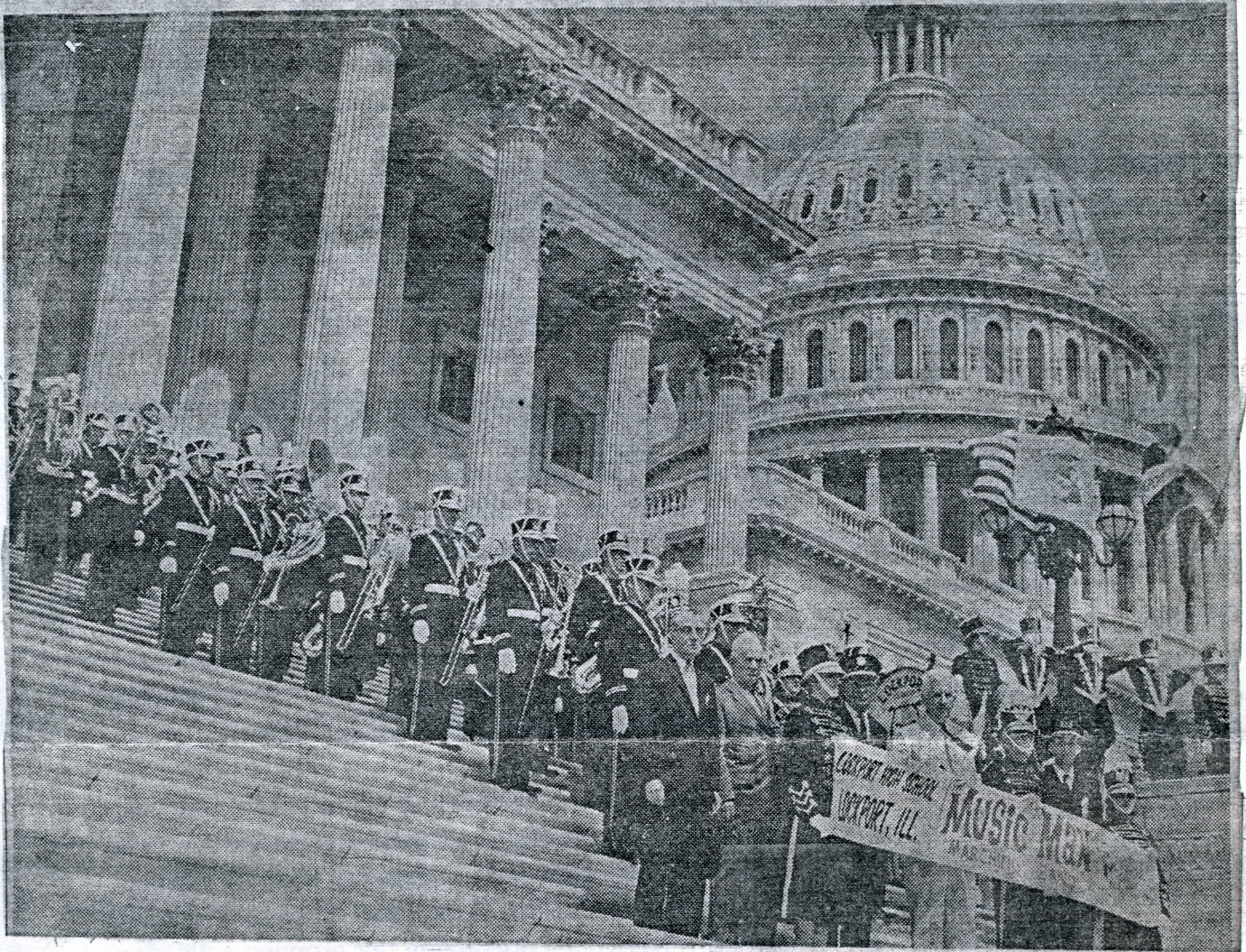
This coming year will produce more data and more programs. That increases our need for volunteers. Please contact a board member or chairperson and tell them you want to learn more about how you can get involved in helping your society fulfill its mission.

REMEMBER the JUNE 22 MEETING to elect our executive board and to start off the new year with a celebration brunch buffet.

—Dr. Reno G. Caneva, DPM

LTHS Band Has Outstanding Record

Serenade at Capitol



At our May meeting, Lillian Caneva, Herb Tatroe, and society members spoke nostalgically about winning the *Music Man Band* contest and enjoying a trip to New York and Washington, D.C. The following is an excerpt from the *Lockport Herald*, June 28, 1962. The photo above is from *The Joliet Herald-News*, June 1962.

"The Lockport Township High School band is recognized as one of the most outstanding in the nation. Since 1934 it has consistently won honors in every contest it has entered, state, national and international.

The band was awarded the governor's trophy at the Illinois State Fair six times. The group placed first nine times at the Chicago Tournament of Music and gained permanent possession of the Bowman Dairy trophy by winning "first" three consecutive years at the Harvard Milk Festival.

Among the band's achievements was a parchment and plaque received at the New York World's Fair. Second place was received in the Lions International Parade in Atlantic City in 1952. The band tied for first place in 1953 [and won in 1959] in the Lions International Parade competition in Chicago.

The LTHS band was declared state champion in 1939, 1941, 1946, 1947 and 1949 and was one of nine bands in the nation to perform in concert at the 11th annual Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago in 1957. The band played for the annual Band Masters Clinic at Ann Arbor, Mich. and the NCBA at Notre Dame. . . . The 1962 band year was climaxed by the honor of representing the State of Illinois in the national marching contest held in Mason City, Iowa. The band won first place in the contest and are now concluding a 10 day tour of New York City and Washington D. C.

Ernest O. Caneva became director of the Lockport band in 1932. There were 22 band members at that time. . . . Herbert Tatroe, Caneva's right hand man and assistant director, has been working with Caneva since 1935."

NEWS You Can Use !



Chasing Your Tale—genealogy tips

By Jacqueline Munch, genealogist

Highlights of Our April 27th Meeting

"Tips and Tricks" from Brother Joseph Martin

1. Always try to locate "primary records" - those records made as close to the event as possible.
2. Use library resources - area libraries suggested: Lockport, Joliet, Shorewood, and Wheaton. Genealogy and local history collections. Search online catalogues on the internet.
Make use of interlibrary loan, which gives you access to libraries in other parts of the state and nation. Genealogy books, magazines and CD's. City directories - many published yearly, showing address, names of those in the household and sometimes other valuable information. Old newspapers on microfilm.
3. Bookstores Recommended book: *Finding Your Roots* by Westin. Magazines: *Family Chronicle*, *Heritage Quest*, *Genealogical Helper* and *Family Tree Magazine*.
4. Ask others for help: librarians, genealogical societies, volunteers on genealogy web sites.
5. Research trips - organize before leaving. Review materials already collected. Write down objectives. Call ahead for days and hours buildings are open, such as, libraries, societies, churches, cemetery offices, and court houses. Make motel reservations.
6. Document sources for all information you find.

OUR FAMILY

HISTORY COLLECTION IS GROWING!

THANKS to the following people who made donations recently.

Doris Krohn, New Lenox: Krohn/ Krohnberg/ Wegner. Barbara Little, Pekin: Noakes / Knox/ Woollett/ Newkirk/ oskey. Beryl Strong: Mokena: Strong/ chmidtke/ Wood/ Haltermann. Paul Burandt, Lockport: Burandt/ Pryor/ Purtle/Koppert/ Krutz/ Orendach. Reno Caneva, Lockport and Iva Gillett Sproat: Gillett/ Mills/ Carman/ Poor/ Gougar/ Dwight. Mabel Fracaro Hrpcha, Lockport: Fracaro/ Rigoni/ Pesavento/ Rodeghiero/ Bortoli/ Carli.

FAMILY INFORMATION SOUGHT

Doris Krohn and Barbara Little would like to correspond with anyone who has information about their families.

If you can help, contact LAGHS or Jacquie Munch at 815-838-3795 or jlmunch@earthlink.net

QUERY

Does anyone know where Five-Mile Grove was located?

Watch for the LAGHS convertible
in the Old Canal Days Parade!

Welcome New Members

Marjorie Kurpatis of Lockport, Barbara Little of Pekin, Catherine Passas of New Lenox, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation / Gaylord Building, Lockport.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help at the Booth: OLD CANAL DAYS— Call Gordon, 838.7427.

Obituaries, research and **Oral History** interviewers — call Georgene, 838.1862. **Newsletter:** plan, computer entry, write articles, copy and prepare mailing— call Char, 353.5662.

JULY MEETING & PROGRAM

The July meeting will be held at the Homer Town Hall. Share & Tell will focus on Yankee Settlement.

The "Yankees" from New York, New England, and Ohio settled in what became Homer Township and Lockport Township. Details in next month's newsletter.

Who are These Singing Ladies?



This picture was taken circa 1948. Could anyone tell us who is pictured here?

LAGHS is collecting historical material about the Lockport area. My assignment is to collect information about DELLWOOD PARK, especially during the days when it was a very popular amusement park.

If you have any artifacts, documents, photographs, articles, letters with reference to the park, or other materials, please contact— Erwin Klopstein, Phone: (815) 588.4402 E-mail: ERWINCK@juno.com

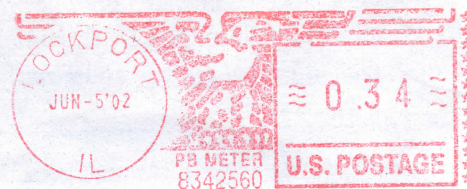
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ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Nominations will be taken from the floor.

MEETING June 22nd 2002
Gladys Fox Museum 8:30 a.m.

S t a y for B r u n c h

Buffet 10:30 a.m. \$5.00

Free-will donations are welcome.

