



Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library

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Library Hours:

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1 pm – 4pm*

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Staging a massive promotion to stir up interest must not be a new idea. Uncovered in the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette's* 1950 sesquicentennial news-paper edition included this headline story from **May, 1896**. In an effort to draw people to the opening of Buckeye Park (Moose Park in 1950), a staged collision of two locomotive engines was planned. 20,000 onlookers held their breath as the two engines raced towards each other at about 50mph. The engineers jumped from their respective engines well before the impact. After the ear-shattering crash, souvenir hunters raced to the wreckage retrieving scraps of metal. It appears people even stood under the upright arched locomotives peering into the smashed innards. Only one shrapnel-based injury was reported from the crowd.



This story, as well as many others from the first 150 years of Lancaster history, is contained in this 400-page commemorative edition. Volunteers have indexed the many midcentury advertisements, employee pictures, and stories about Fairfield County into our Master Database adding over 3300 records for you to search. People interested in the history of the Anchor Hocking factory will be especially pleased at the amount of data found in this edition. You are invited to stop in and peruse this 75-year old archive as well as the many other surprises found inside our walls.



QUILT FUND-RAISER

It's not too late to purchase your chance to win this hand-made queen-sized quilt. It is currently on display in the library lobby. The quilt is made in the 'cathedral window' design and is one of many completed by Virginia Poling, the mother of Library Director Darlene Weaver.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Library: \$1 for a single ticket, six for \$5, or for \$10 you can buy a length of tickets as long as your arm (arm pit to fingertip).

Come support the ongoing work of your Genealogical Library. The drawing will take place on December 15, just in time for Christmas. You need not be present to win.



NEWS OF INTEREST

- A Reminder: The Library is offering a service to anyone who would like Library Staff to provide you with some basic information concerning one of your ancestors. Give us **ONE NAME** with local ties and we will gather critical information found in our collection. This can be done for a pre-paid fee of \$25 and then 25¢ per copied page. If interested, contact the Library.
- Recent out-of-state visitors to the Library came in from Orem, UT and West Harrison, IN.
- Does anyone out there have the ability to read 'old German' script? Some of our old cemetery records were recorded using this technique. We'd love to translate and transcribe for our records.

FOUND IN THE LIBRARY ARCHIVES...

Still celebrating the end of WWII, the Christmas Eve 1945 edition of the *Circleville Herald* overprinted this greeting to its subscribers.



The December 20, 1968 *Herald* included this ad from Buckeye Mart for last-minute Christmas shoppers.



Sharff's Fashion Store printed this ad in the 1977 Christmas Eve *Herald*. It prepared shoppers for an 'After-Christmas Sale.'