



Orange Peelings



From the Desk of your President:

Happy Spring!

We are excited to kick off our 2018 Session this month and another fun year preserving and making history.

This issue of *Peelings* is filled with glimpses of some of our recent activities, our county's rich history, and opportunities to be active involved in 2018.

Regular OCHS meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month 7 p.m. at the Paoli Library meeting room. All members are encouraged to attend and to take an active part in all of our planned activities. We welcome your input, comments and/or ideas for improvement to our organization.

I'd like to thank you for your membership and support. Hope to see everyone soon.

Cordially,

Robert

Robert F. Henderson, Jr.

New Display at Museum

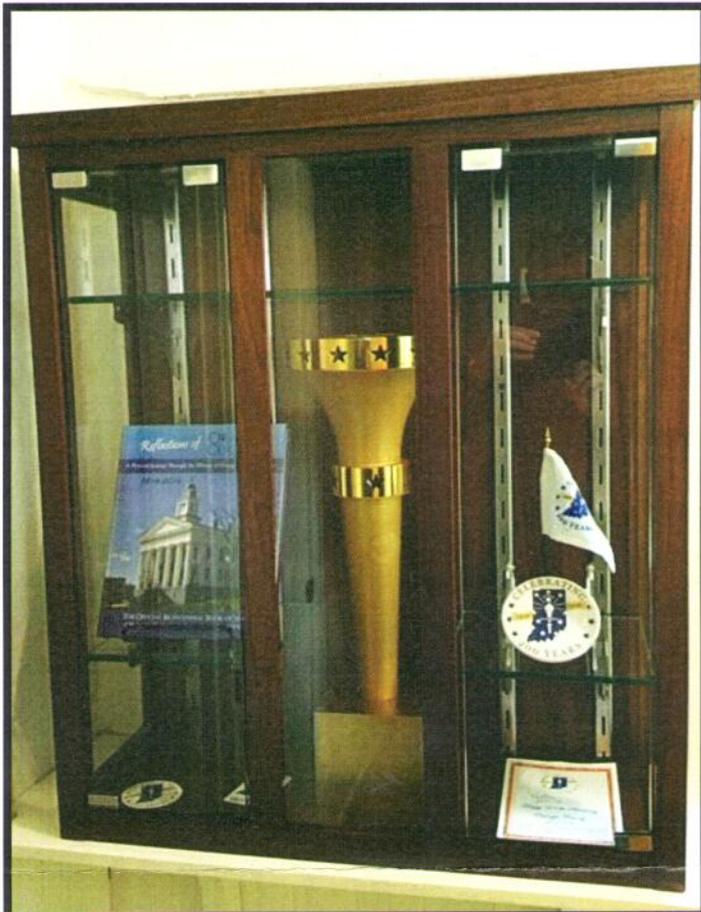
Orange County recreational and leisure exhibits upstairs at the museum.



For those of you who can remember, the old Buick Dealership was located where Paoli Liquors are now. Bill Rehl had a garage there and Louis Jones was the Business Manager. This would have been in the early 1960s. The garage for repairs was in the back and the showroom was, of course, in the front.

Items from the Buick Dealership
Donated by Steve Hopper





OCHS wishes to acknowledge the recent very generous donation from the Jasper Group of this beautiful custom made wooden display case for the Museum. The case houses the county's official Bicentennial Torch and other memorabilia from both the state and Orange County's 200th Birthday celebration.



On temporary display at the Museum is a small exhibit of some of the late Mid Hoke's personal effects and items from her Estate. The late Mid Hoke generously remembered OCHS in her will a number of years ago now, and her "gift" continues to benefit and enhance the Museum. even today.

Do you know that you can provide for continued support of the Orange County Historical Society in your estate plan?

All gifts re deductible for state and federal estate tax purposes and would be used to further benefit the efforts of the society. All gifts are appreciated , large or small.

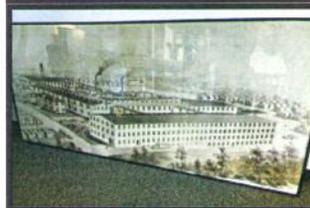


OCHS recently became the recipient of a sizeable collection of rare and historic materials documenting Paoli Furniture's long history and overall operations. President Robert Henderson and Trustee Terry Cornwell transferred the materials from the former factory site (now home to Jasper Seating) in Orleans to the Museum storage area earlier this year until a complete assessment has been done on the collection.

Included are a number of photographs, original catalogs with the various product lines, price list dating back to the early to mid-1930s, film, original shop drawings, company newsletters, etc. Also received was a very large vintage type wall rendering of the old factory when it was housed in Paoli,

We are planning to develop some type of future exhibit at the Museum to better help tell the story of Orange County's wood industry incorporating some of these items along with the other wood factories that existed here.

We are indeed grateful to longtime former Paoli LLC employee Maxine Smuck who lovingly preserved the many rare historic materials during her tenure as librarian. "Thanks for taking the Paoli story and sharing it with everyone that comes into the museum. Many people and generations of families worked for Paoli and took pride in the product that they made. I am glad that future generations will be able to hear our story and will know the pride that was put into everything we did," Smuck said.



Wall hanging of Paoli, Inc



Radio from Traverlers

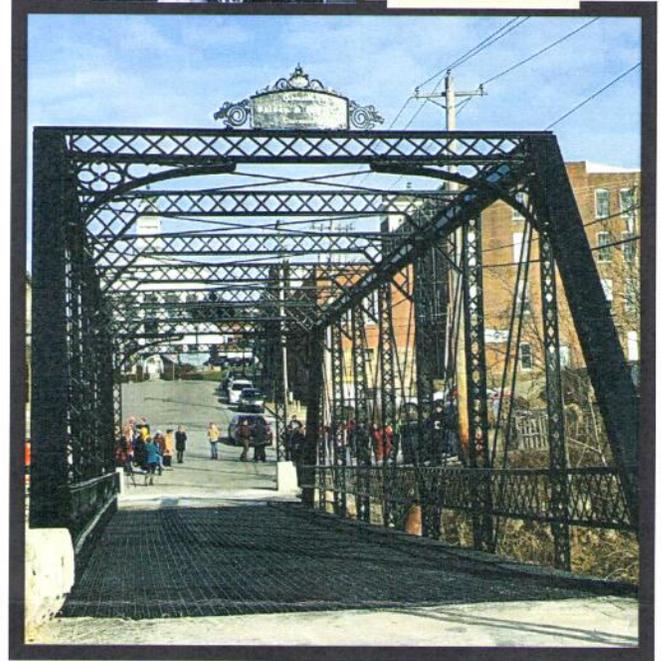


Left String Band playing at OCHS Annual Christmas Dinner

Attendees at OCHS Annual Christmas Dinner enjoying their meal and listening to music.



OCHS hosted its 2nd Annual Old Fashioned Christmas at the Farmhouse at the historic Lindley House in early December. Nearly 100 people enjoyed informal tours of the 165 year old home place, which was decorated in part to reflect 1860s holiday.. The musical group, Left String Band performed period tunes in the front parlor. Visitors also enjoyed sampling hot cider and ginger cookies.



Despite frigid January temperatures, nearly three dozen bridge enthusiasts and a host of media braved the cold to celebrate reopening of Paoli's historic 1880 Gospel Street Bridge on January 3. The National Register-listed iron bridge collapsed into Lick Creek on Christmas Day 2015, when the driver of a semi weighing nearly six times the posted limit attempted to cross.

At the reopening ceremony, the city dedicated the restored bridge in honor of Orange County resident Sol Strauss and James M. Tucker. A Jewish immigrant from Germany, Strauss opened a dry goods business on the north side of Paoli's square, in the building that Orange County Publishing now owns. When he died, he left \$300,000 to the town to be used for philanthropic purposes. A fund in his honor continues today, managed by the local Orange County Community Foundation and is available, by grants, to not for profit organizations in the town of Paoli proper.

Tucker, who was the youngest man to be elected Indiana Secretary of State from 1938 to 1942, formed a law firm in Paoli with his father Judge James L. Tucker. The Tucker law firm has been in business on the square since 1933. James C. Tucker joined the firm in 1971. Jennifer Tucker, great-granddaughter of James L. Tucker and daughter of James C. Tucker joined the firm in 1997. The firm has grown and the family tradition continues with Marilyn Tucker Fullen joining the firm as an attorney in 2010.

Orange County Museum

I would like to . . .
(check all that apply)

visit the museum help with displays

become a member help with cataloging materials

volunteer as a tour guide serve on a committee

assist visitors with research help wherever needed

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2018 Meeting Dates

- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- Aug 28
- Sept 25
- Oct 23
- Nov 27
- Dec Annual Dinner TBA

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Paoli Library meeting room at 7 pm unless otherwise advertised,

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