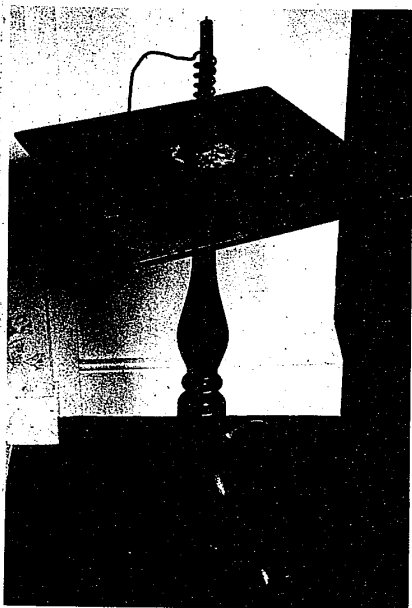


# Hunter House collection increases



This cherry wood chest, in fine condition, is typical of those found in many upper middle class homes in early 19th Century.

Birmingham's historic Hunter House on Maple at Southfield has recently received some donations of furnishings.

William Lyman, in charge of acquisitions for the home, said the latest pieces are particularly pleasing because they fit closely with the period in which the house was built and occupied.

An empire painted and decorated chest of drawers is especially significant because it has a local history. The chest was donated to the Birmingham Historical Society this year by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Keyser, former Birmingham residents.

The original owners of the chest were the John Lawson family, thought to have come to Birmingham from New York, possibly by way of the Erie Canal in the late 1830s or early 1840s. Mary, daughter of John Lawson, inherited the chest. She married John L. Keyser, son of Jacob Keyser, another early settler in Birmingham. Keyser, born in 1814 and died in 1891, was originally from New York. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery and was the grandfather of the donor, John C. Keyser.

In his research, Lyman found two obituaries from the Eclectic of 1891 indicating that John Lawson died within days of Daniel Hunter, younger brother of John W. Hunter.

Lyman said, "The latter (John W. Hunter) and Mr. Hunter must have been close friends and Mr. Hunter may well have been cognizant of this chest of drawers which is constructed of cherry and poplar. It was probably made in upstate New York about 1850."

A glass demijohn, thought to have been made in Zanesville, Ohio about 1830, was given to the historical society by the Heirloom Chapter of Quakers.

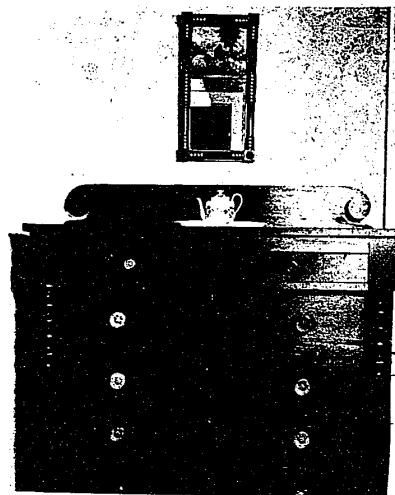
A cherry candlestand which is in the living room near a rocker that faces the fireplace, was given to the historical society by the John C. Maddox family in memory of Dr. Maddox's father, John C. Maddox, Sr. It is thought to have been made in Connecticut.

Donations of items for the Hunter House should date between 1800 and 1850. Gifts are tax-deductible. Some of the items which the acquisitions committee are seeking are: Tinware, pewter, iron of all kinds, treenware, stoneware, pressed glass, folk art of all kinds, silhouettes, paintings, prints, drawings, fire buckets, fireplace tools and fire dogs, woodworking tools, garden tools, leatherware, pipe box and bowls.

Prospective donors should contact Lyman, chairman of the John W. Hunter House acquisitions committee.

Thursday, September 14, 1978

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The empire mirror above the chest was donated by Grace L. Wheeler of Birmingham.

## Art festival wins reviewers' nods

West Bloomfield's "courtship of the arts" is destined for a long engagement, according to Sunday's art festival co-chairspersons Agnes Scott and Mel Rycus.

"For the first time, this (West Bloomfield) courtyard was used the way it should be," said Rycus, observing the sequence of musical and dance events taking place on its grassy ponds surrounded by local residents.

"It's working, it's working," enthused Mrs. Scott as area families came and went, looked at art and listened to music despite above 90-degree temperatures. "It's a perfect way to start off the season," she beamed. "People are asking when we will have the next one."

closed as a capacity audience enjoyed musicians such as the local Rosner Family Trio.

"West Bloomfield has so many factors. Art to me is a binder," said Linda Zalla, in charge of the professional artist display.

"This is bringing everybody together in a harmonious way so people can meet at the same level."

YOUNGSTERS OUTSIDE were drawn to the local Pied Piper, Steve Weikel, who made animals from balloons. Few young visitors left without one.

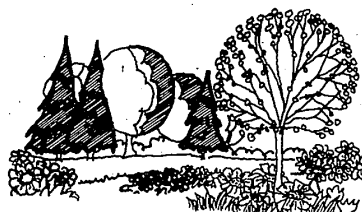
Bagel and pizza nibblers wandered among the community art exhibits, enjoyed the violin-making of Charles Gadd and applauded dancers and two local choral groups.

A big hit was last year's high school jazz band which kept toe-tappers calling for more.

The arts festival marked the inaugural event of the newly formed Greater West Bloomfield Council For the Arts. The council enrolled 30 new members.

INSIDE THE air-cooled high school Forum, 26 professional artists displayed a variety of works ranging from a hand-crafted silver jar by Mary Lark to Sandy Slater's whimsical clay sculpture of a mother hippo and her baby spouting water. At times, the Forum doors had to be

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