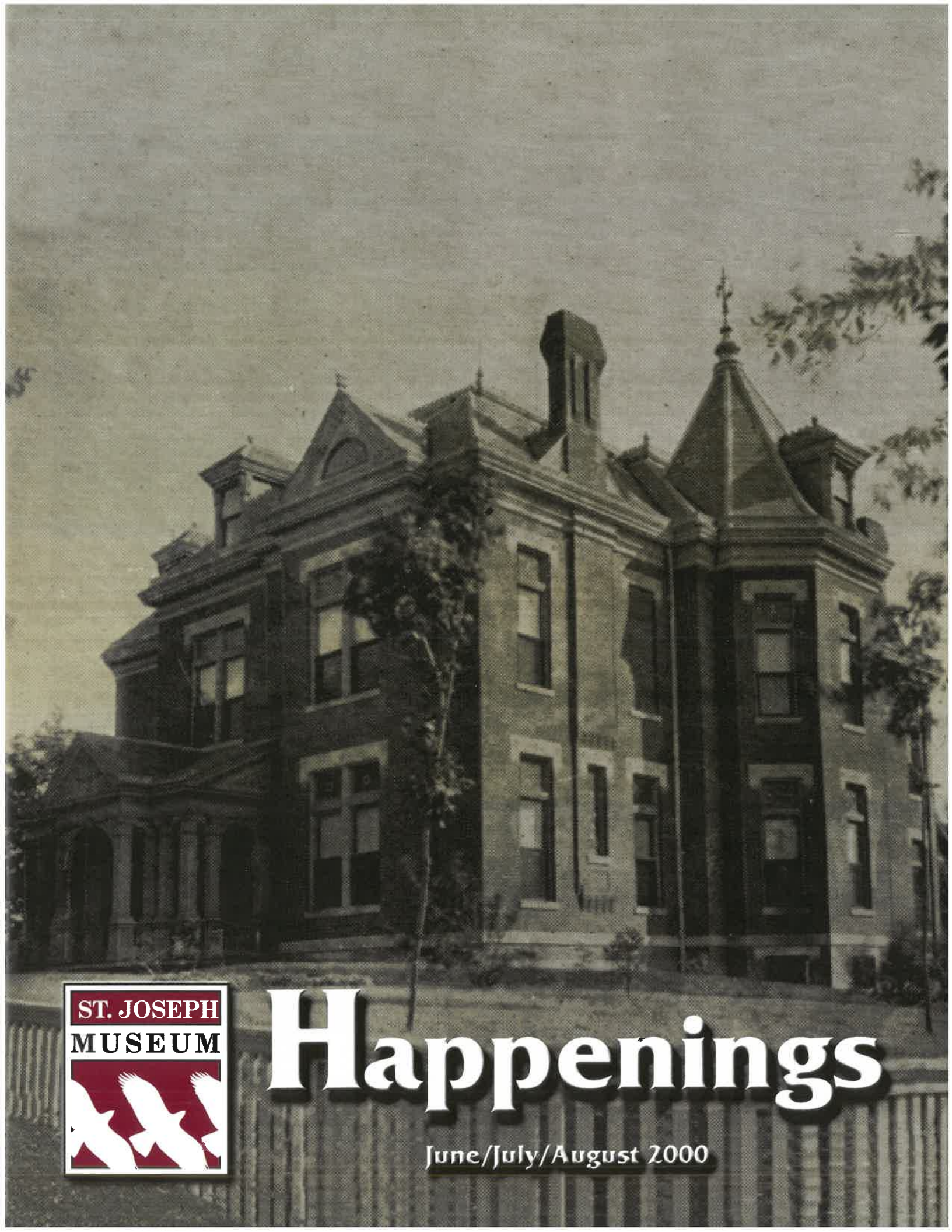




Happenings

June/July/August 2000

PHOTO COLLECTIONS



C.B. France in the library of his Hall Street home.

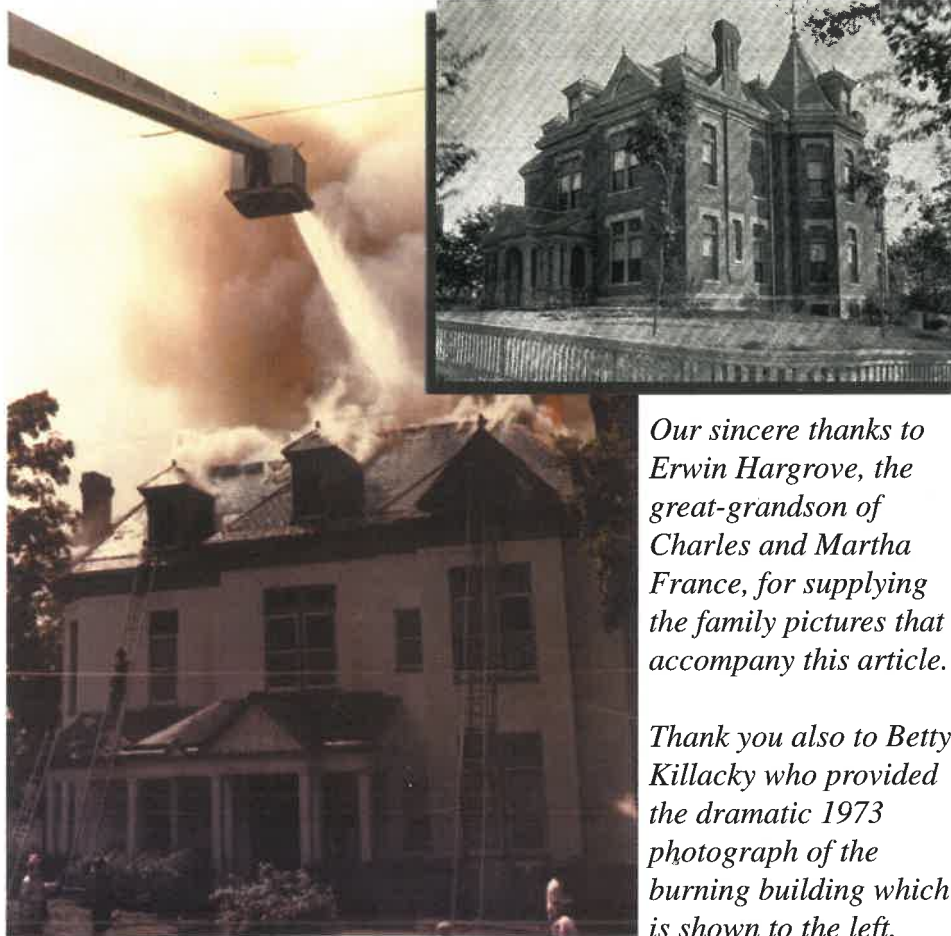
for seven years before moving to a smaller home.

During the early 1900s, the residence at 708 Hall Street had several owners. In 1933 it was converted into apartments as were several of the other Hall Street mansions. The former home at 708 Hall became Rosa Lawn Apartments, an 18-unit building. There were apartments from the basement to the attic. The building stood until August 2, 1973, when a disgruntled tenant set fire to the structure. Unfortunately, one of the occupants was not able to escape his attic apartment and died because of the fire.

The elegant 19th century mansion was significantly altered during its years as an apartment building, but traces of its former grandeur can

still be found in the 1973 picture of the fire. Although the two views of the structure are from slightly different angles, they can be used to compare architectural features such as the windows and roof line. The roof line of the front porch is the same in both pictures although the pillars are different. Many other architectural features were lost when the original brick of the building was covered with stucco after the residence became an apartment house.

It is unfortunate that the structure did not survive after the August 1973 fire. Perhaps, like most of the other mansions on Hall Street, it would have been restored to its former magnificence.



Our sincere thanks to Erwin Hargrove, the great-grandson of Charles and Martha France, for supplying the family pictures that accompany this article.

Thank you also to Betty Killacky who provided the dramatic 1973 photograph of the burning building which is shown to the left.

EVENTS

Hall of Fame Award Presentation

Rich Nolf, director of the St. Joseph Museum, was the recipient of this year's "Hall of Fame" award presented by the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau at its Salute to Tourism on May 23. The award is "reserved for an individual who has been active in tourism for many years, and whose long-term dedication has made substantial contributions to the betterment of the Buchanan County visitor industry as a whole."

In 1999 the St. Joseph Museum received the "Way to Go" award, which is presented annually to an organization for outstanding work in the tourism industry. Both awards are proudly displayed in the museum's front hall.



L. to R.: Diane and Phil Acuff congratulate Rich Nolf after he received the "Hall of Fame" award. Dr. Phil Acuff is a museum trustee.

July Weddings and Receptions at the St. Joseph Museum

The St. Joseph Museum provided an elegant setting for one wedding and three receptions this Summer.



Liana Lillard and Jared Vessell were married at the Zion United Church of Christ on July 29, and their reception followed on the museum grounds. Some of the more than 200 guests begin to arrive in the above photo. Two young guests are checking out the dance floor.



Amber Frizell poses with her flower girl London Bundridge in the museum's main hall just before her wedding. Ms. Frizell and Ryan Scroggins were married on the museum grounds on July 22. Theirs was the first wedding held at the museum this summer.

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FROM the DIRECTOR



Root beer and strawberry ice cream floats were served to everyone who attended the reception.

walked around with him he shared with me how rare it was to see the quality of excellence illustrated in this installation. The workmanship was simply superb.

It needs to be remembered that the museum staff was every bit involved in this project as those I have already mentioned. The staff repeatedly had to gut spaces of equipment, artifacts, storage cabinets, etc., in order to facilitate the installation. Then everything had to be moved back into place. The communication between all the parties involved was excellent. I feel this helped tremendously in producing the quality installation that we are enjoying today.

There were many individuals and corporations that came forth to financially support this project. First of all were the members of the museum board who set the pace by individually making their personal contributions. Then the trustees worked together contacting individuals and corporations for their support.

A general appeal also went out to the membership and it was uplifting to see the support that was illustrated. Everyone who has contributed to the air conditioning project to-date is listed on pages 10 and 11. Our sincere thanks goes to each and everyone of them. Several individuals and corporations contributed \$10,000 or more which means they will be listed on the bronze donor plaque in the Main Hall of the museum.

Already listed on the bronze donor plaque:

Hillyard Companies
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To be added:

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Once again, our deepest appreciation to both donors who made the air conditioning possible and to the men and women who did the installation.

Anyone interested in a closer examination of the system is welcome to contact me. I enjoy showing off a cool St. Joseph Museum.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to David Denman, as mentioned in the caption below.



L.to R.: Doug Burkert, David Denman, and Denese Denman were among those attending the reception.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- September 1** "Lewis & Clark" exhibit opens.
- September 4** Labor Day.
Museum open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- September 20** Commerce Bank N.A. St. Joseph Reception: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
In recognition of the bank's donation of the
model of the "Corps of Discovery" monument.
- September 30** American Heart Association Walk.
The museum will serve as a rest stop for walkers.
- October 1** "Gruesome, Grotesque, & Gross" exhibit opens.
Odd and unusual items from our collections.
- November 16** "'Tis the Season" exhibit opens.
Winter fun, frocks, and finery.
- November 23** Thanksgiving.
Museum closed.
- November 30** Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 6 to 8 p.m.
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