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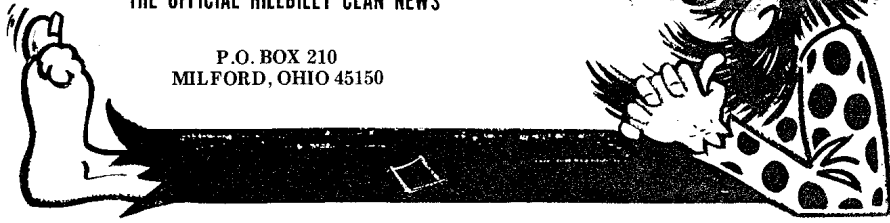
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THE OFFICIAL HILLBILLY CLAN NEWS

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## IMPERIAL CLAN

### Hi You All!

We are just plum proud to have the honor of writing a bit to go in the Hillbilly News. The Hillbilly Degree has helped thousands of crippled children enjoy life just a little bit more; this is our main goal and we are only side-line degree in the world of Shrinedom that donates all of their profits to this cause.

The latest news is Clan No. 53 which is now being prepared for release to ELF KHURAFEH in Saginaw, Mich. This Clan will become active before the end of 1980.

Keep up the good work and help spread the news to all flatland Shriners and flatland gals.

Respect to the Crescent,

*Jim Harris*

## Editor's Corner

We welcome you all to this first edition of Hillbilly News. We hope this hyar will be a means of all the Clans communicating and a letting each other know whats a going on in the 53 Clans. We'ums is a gonna print and send this hyar paper ever month cept Jan. and Feb. and hope you'all will help us out.

Remember: Don't kill a frog, your cow will go dry! Next paper in April. See ya in Pikeville.

Hillbilly Bob

## LATE NEWS

Hillbilly Clan No 56 established at Bluff City, Tenn. and Charter was presented by Imperial Raban, Jim Harris on Feb. 28, 1981.



Hillbilly Clan No. 5 presented a check in the amount of \$3000.00 to Syrian Temple toward the purchase of the Hospital Van. To date the Clan has donated a total of \$39,000.00 to the hospital. Pictured above are the officers who presented the check at the Fall Ceremonial. Left to right: B. Wolf, D. Kreiner, R. Woods, F. Grote, J. Barnhart and A. Bayliss.

## HEARTH FIRES

Strangers just caint believe some families have kept a hearth fire goin for generations. It's a fact. When a body moved, an iron kettle would be heaped with live coals, with maybe some pine knots covered with ashes. First thing, at the new place a hearth fire would be started from the live coals.

## Fifth Annual Hillybilly Days at Pikeville They'll All Be Here From All Over The U.S.

The 1981 Hillbilly Days Event will be held in Pikeville, Kentucky April 23, 24 and Saturday the 25. The last weekend in April.

The local civic clubs have formed a Council to plan three fun filled days. We have promised Jim Harris that this will be the best Hillbilly Days ever. The Council began working two months ago.

The Mountain Dew Hillbilly Clan will then be able to devote all their time to planning clan activities: Hospitality and Degree Work. The Council will handle the parade and three day festivities. If you need questions answered, please contact Pike County Chamber of Commerce Pikeville, Kentucky 41501

## TO MAKE THIS PAPER A SUCCESS

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### MOONSHINE RECIPE

Take corn, and crush hit. Add water and a little yeast. Then work it up to a mash. Hits better to let your mash furment a few days. Now put yer mash in your boiler and start the fire. The heat will vaporiz the mash and turn it to a liquid and collect in your jug. After its ages its ready for drinking, cooking, snake bits, run your cars and trucks and lubercate your mules. Its the only thing that keeps rev-enoover man a job.

### FIREPLACE COOKIN

Most anything able to be cooked in a skillet was done with a "spider." This was a skillet with legs high enough to stand above hot coals drug out from the fire.

What they call dutch ovens would cook biscuits and the like.

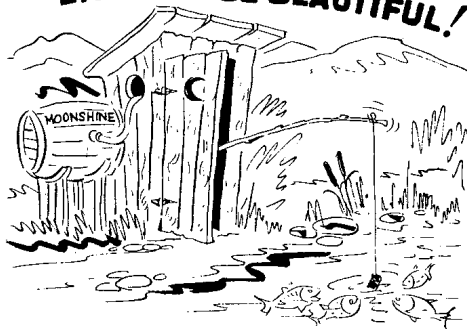
Pots was hung from a crane, generly home made, driven into the side walls of the chimbley.

Sweet and irish pertaters was roasted, mostly by draggin out live coals and ashes and coverin the taters up. You always punched small holes in the tater skins. Reckon all old folks recollect poppin corn.

We always roasted chestnuts like we did taters.

Changin the subject, sort of, us young uns, when it got downright cold, wore holes in the floor, turnin round and round afore a hot fire.

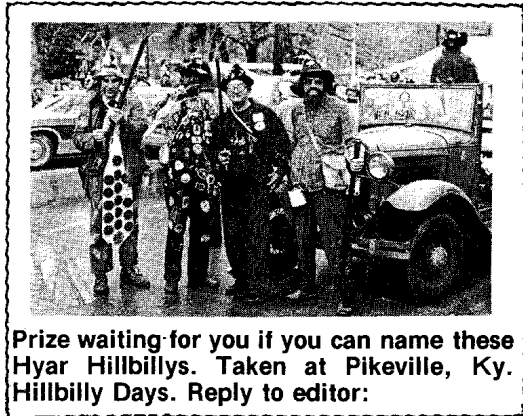
**LIFE KIN BE BEAUTIFUL!**



Imperial Sir Jim,  
If'n any of them jug-totin' Hillbillies gits curious about our patches, you might inform them We-uns will accept dual members from accredited Hillbillies. Membership includes Diploma w/Clan 50 Gold seal, membership card from Wisconsin Badger Hillbilly Clan, decal, and our attractive Bucky Badger Hillbilly patch. All for the ridiculous low price of only \$7.50 - and we will pay the postage costs.

Honor the Cob!  
Wally Ferch,  
Raban of Clan #50

""Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers."  
Shakespeare



**Prize waiting for you if you can name these Hyar Hillbillys. Taken at Pikeville, Ky. Hillbilly Days. Reply to editor:**

### KENTUCKY MOTHER WRITING TO HER SON

DEAR SON:

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can not read fast. You won't know the house when you come home...we moved. I won't be able to send you the address, as the last Kentucky family that lived here took the numbers with them for their next house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

About your Father, he has a lovely new job. He has over 500 men under him. He is cutting grass at the cemetery. There was a washing machine in the new house when we moved in, but it is not working too good. Last week I put in 14 shirts....pulled the chain and I haven't seen them since.

Your Sister Mary, had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether it is a boy or girl, so I don't know whether you are an Aunt or Uncle.

Your Uncle Dick, drowned last week in the **Public Distillery**. Some of his fellow workers dove in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body and it took them three days to put out the fire.

You're Father didn't have too much to drink Christmas, he put a bottle of castor oil in his pint of beer. It kept him going till New Year's Day. I went to the Doctor on Thursday, and you're Father came with me. The Doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to open it for 10 minutes. You're Father offered to buy it from him.

It rained only twice last week. First for three days, then for four days. Monday was so windy one of our chickens layed the same egg four times. We had a letter from the Undertaker yesterday. He said if the last statement isn't paid on your Grandmother's funeral within seven days--up she comes.

Mother

P.S. I was going to send you ten dollars, but I had already sealed the envelope.

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Historians claim that the game of cat's cradle goes back to the Stone Age.



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*Second Annual  
Spring Dance*



*Hillbilly Gals  
Imperial Clan*

*When! May 9th  
Degree 8:30 Dance 9 til ?  
Where: Hartwell Country Club*

Tickets Now Available - Remember The Last One Sold Out  
Don't Be Sorry - Buy Now!

*1981 Hillbilly Queen Will Be Chosen*

She presides at all events and parades

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*Watch For The  
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Hillbilly Picnic*

**REMEMBER THE LAST ONE!**

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