

## Vintage 2-Volume Clark set available

Since the 1970s, every effort has been made to keep the name and accomplishments of Champ Clark, his family and other prominent Pike County political figures, alive. Doing so has led down many paths.



prehensively in the 2-volume set *My Quarter Century of American Politics*, published 1920. Author of the set? Champ Clark himself.

This elusive hardback set is now available, in very limited quantities, through The Champ Clark House.

Missouri history books from the early to mid-part of the 1900s heralded Champ Clark as one of the state's most prominent citizens. More than any other writing of the time, Champ's life and times were captured most com-

pletely in the near-mint-condition volumes and donated them to the home. These are the real-deal original printings, and they are being offered for a \$100 gift to The Champ Clark House.



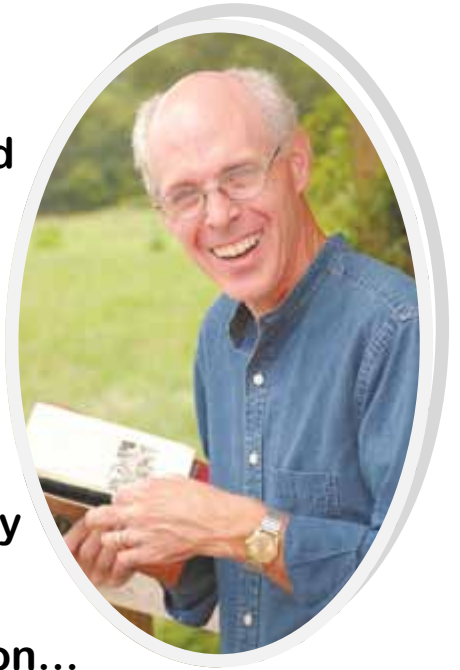
The Champ Clark House (Honeyshuck)

# From the Front Porch

The Champ Clark House—and the community of Pike County—lost a true leader this year: Ted Jackson.

Ted's contributions cannot be quantified and his enthusiasm, vision and presence will greatly be missed.

Yet, we must carry on...



*Inside, please find information on what's been happening at The Champ Clark House and what's coming up: the annual banquet!*

Ted Jackson

## Lovell will keynote '11 banquet

Another autumn has arrived, and with its arrival, so comes the annual banquet. Keeping with tradition, this year's event will be held Thursday Oct. 27 in Bowling Green's First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The evening gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

Each year, the banquet is highlighted by a guest speaker. Recent editions have featured Ben Clark, direct descendant of Champ Clark. Author Jim Longo delivered seasonal insights on the supernatural, and shared a tale or two of Pike County's haunts. Henry Sweets, Mark Twain Boyhood Home curator, delighted attendees, telling of "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" and other Twainian musings.

In that vein, Dr. Cindy Lovell, executive director of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum in Hannibal, is slated as the 2011 speaker.

"I fell in love with Mark Twain when I was in the fourth grade," writes Lovell on her blog. Dr. Lovell not only serves as the Mark Twain home's executive director, but teaches at Quincy University and is an accomplished author. Her works include *Not This Sunday* and *Teacher Miracles: Inspirational Stories from the Classroom*.



**Dr. Cindy Lovell**

Most recently, Lovell wrote the narrative for *Mark Twain Words & Music*, a 2-CD set that chronologically tells the story of Twain's life. Lending their talents to the star-studded effort are Jimmy Buffet (Huck Finn) Garrison Keillor (narrator), Clint Eastwood (Mark Twain) and Susy Lovell (Susy Clemens). Interwoven with the narrative, authored by Lovell, are the songs of some of music's finest: Emmylou Harris, Sheryl Crow, Brad Paisley, Vince Gill, Joe Diffie and Ricky Skaggs, to name a few. Needless to say, the collection is receiving rave reviews.

Dr. Lovell earned her BA in elementary education and an M.A. in education from Stetson University, and a Ph.D from the University of Iowa. Not surprisingly, the writings of Mark Twain dominate her list of favorite writings. She is currently writing a two-volume encyclopedia: *"All Things Twain"*. All are encouraged to join The Champ Clark House in welcoming Dr. Lovell to Pike County and this year's banquet.

Food services will be provided by Karen's Catering. For tickets, contact Charlene McCune, board president, at 573.324.3154, or see the letter contained in this newsletter.

## A look back at 2011...



**Champ Clark**

Like any year, 2011 was certainly one of great ups and downs. Regrouping from the loss of president and friend Ted Jackson, Champ Clark Honeyshuck Restoration Inc. has set their sights on the future.

"The loss of Ted was quite a blow for us," said president, Charlene McCune. "He will be greatly missed."

Mindful of Ted's vision, the board carried—and carries—on. And Honeyshuck continues to find an audience despite the passage of time. Those visiting in recent months have been a Boy Scout troop, elementary students from local schools and various tour groups from Missouri and out of state. During the annual Heritage Festival celebration, the home presented a well-received display of historic quilts.

Honeyshuck made the cover of the local SBC phone book.

Beyond that, Andrew Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher, was presented the annual Speaker's Award, made possible through the generosity of Elenore Schewe.

Oh yes, and there were new acquisitions: a historic quilt, hand crafted in 1850, and presented by Debbie Harris Branstetter. The Champ Clark House now has 11 historic quilts in its holdings. Other gifts have come from Dottie Hungate, including a handcrafted stand that once belonged to Champ Clark.

Each gift—whether it be an 1850 quilt, a light bulb, or \$10, or \$10,000— can be matched dollar for dollar. This is possible through the generosity of Dottie Hungate and her late husband and Honeyshuck co-founder, Congressman Bill Hungate.

To find out more, contact Charlene McCune, 573.324.3154.

And—there have been battles with groundhogs, Missouri thunder—and wind storms plus the regular wear and tear of a historic home. In the coming year, the board hopes to better preserve the first flag to ever fly over the Missouri capitol, a project to with significant expense.

As always, we thank our supporters and encourage all to help continue the efforts of The Champ Clark House for years to come.