



Scenes from a Bus Trip  
 More than 60 members and friends of the  
 Historical Society enjoyed a day in  
 Licking County.  
 Special thanks to the Auglaize County  
 Council on Aging for its assistance in pro-  
 viding transportation for the overflow  
 crowd.



Top left: Virginia Miller and Don Isern  
 stand in front of Ye Olde Mill, home of Vel-  
 vet Ice Cream factory, Utica, while Mark  
 and Diane Hines (right) admire the wheel.  
 Top right: Eldon Montague (right) is hono-  
 red by representatives of the Village of  
 Granville as an honorary Denison Univer-  
 sity alumnus for the time he spent here in  
 1943-44 training for the Marines.  
 Center: The owner of the 1813 Buxton Inn,  
 Granville, explains the inn's haunted  
 history at lunch.  
 Bottom: Dianne Knipp and Janet Gibson  
 enjoy a pretend ride on the rocket ship at  
 Buckeye Lake Museum.



## Joseph Morton Howell: *Another Diplomat from Auglaize County*

Much has been written about Daniel F. Mooney of St. Marys, who served as ambassador to Paraguay during the presidency of Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Mooney was, of course, the Mooney of the Auglaize County Historical Society's museum in St. Marys, the house donated by his widow, Carrie Steinemann Mooney Bettelini.

Auglaize County can boast of a second diplomat: Joseph Morton Howell. According to his obituary, Howell (b. 1863) was a native of Uniopolis, receiving his schooling in Waynesfield. He later taught in schools around the county. He earned degrees both from Ohio Northern University and the Ohio State University. At the time of his latter degree, he was reported to have been the youngest person to graduate from OSU. Howell was one of the first physicians in Dayton specialize in infantile paralysis (polio) and other children's diseases.

According to the U.S. State Department, on October 7, 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated Howell as American Diplomatic Agent and Consul General to Egypt, which was then a British Protectorate. In June of the following year, Howell was elevated to the position of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, reflecting Egypt's changed status as a constitutional monarchy.

"A doctor by profession and a devout Presbyterian by faith," Howell banned the service of alcohol at the American legation. The building in which he and his family lived was a stately mansion (later demolished). Howell died on December 27, 1937, and is buried in Willow Branch Cemetery, Auglaize County.



*Ambassador and Mrs. Howell with  
grandson Robert Breslin Howell on the  
embassy lawn in Cairo.*