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## Our Tribute to Leonard Insley: More Memoirs of His Relationship with Bill Moose

October, 1929: 92 year old Indian Bill Moose takes part in the program at Wyandot Springs honoring his hero, Chief Leatherlips.

He witnessed the event from the site of the first log cabin built by the early settlers. Leonard Insley's Memoirs state:

"Nearly two thousand people witnessed the pageant at the Wyandot Springs, near the Chief's burial site. It was staged by the Hyatt's Red Men's lodge, in memory of the Indian Chief, Leatherlips.



The Red Men proved splendid actors in the natural amphitheater, with W. A. Harris, developer of Wyandot Farm as master of ceremonies and John Jewett in the role of Leatherlips.

First scene portrayed signing of the treaty between government officials and Chief Leatherlips. In the second scene, hundreds of Indians evacuating the territory; the third scene, Leatherlips and his Indian companions mingling with the early pioneers; the fourth scene, the capture and trial of Leatherlips by six Wyandot Warriors; and the last scene, the execution and burial of Leatherlips in a shallow grave.

Chief Leatherlips, history records, was executed June 1, 1810, near the scene where the pageant was enacted.

A real Indian, in the 92 year old Bill Moose of Township Line Road, last full-blooded member of the tribe of the Wyandots, witnessed the event and lent a touch of reality to the scene.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Mr. Harris announced that the pageant would be an annual event." Leonard Insley—1929

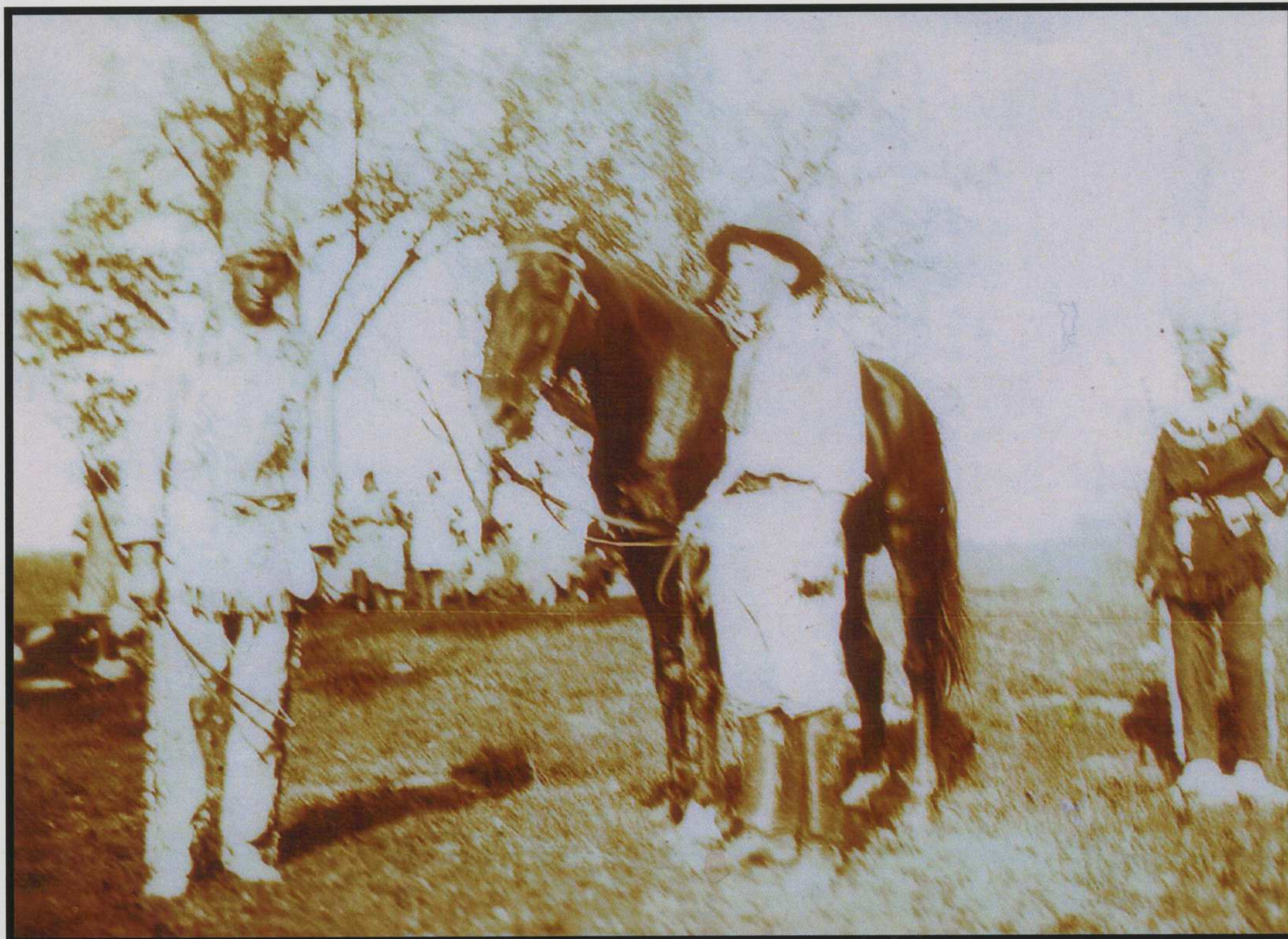


Photo courtesy of Pene Curmode

This blurry photo may be the only known picture of the 1929 Leatherlips pageant, directed by the Hyatts Redmen Lodge. Standing by the horse is Raymond, (Bud) Curmode. Far right is John Jewett as Leatherlips.

## Eighty-one Years Later—July, 2010—Dublin Scioto Park Leatherlips: Twin Clouds

The Leatherlips story is now being reenacted by students and drama teachers from three Dublin High Schools: Coffman, Jerome, and Scioto.

The play written by Dan Stowell, Drama Teacher at Coffman High, had its first performance July 2 of this year and continued on Friday nights throughout July, plus Saturdays July 24 and 31.

With a twist of irony, Bill Moose who attended the event as an honored guest in 1929, has been the narrator for the 2010 play. Alex Lee will play the role of "Indian Bill" Moose with Jack Miller playing Leatherlips.

Descendants of the pioneers who witnessed the execution of Leatherlips in 1810 and cared for his burial site for over eighty years were invited to attend the July 1 dress rehearsal.

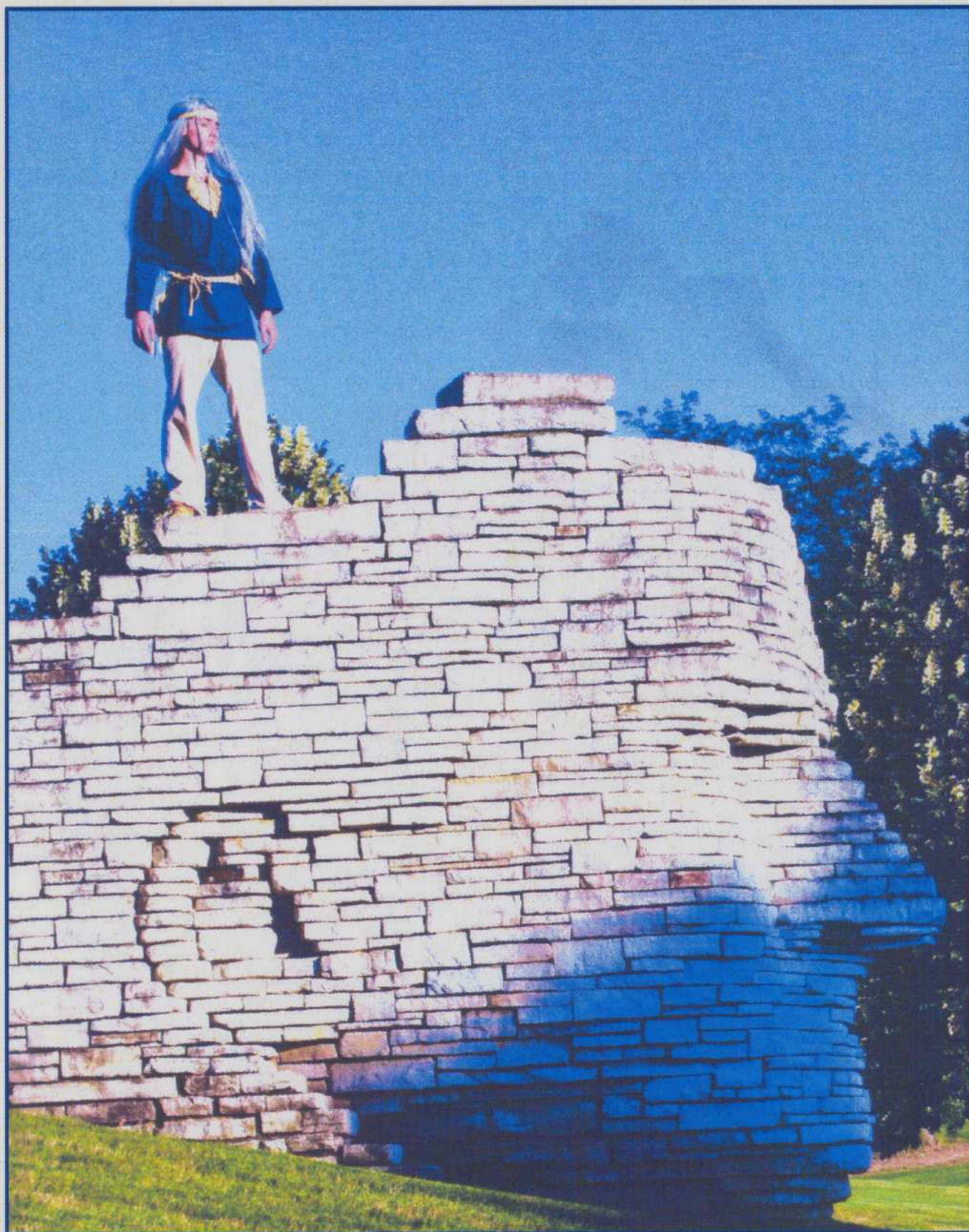


In the picture to the left Leatherlips learns his fate as Bill Moose narrates the scene.

Leatherlips was executed June 1, 1810. Several claim to have seen the Chief at his burial site, at midnight of the full moon. Fact or fiction—you decide. The bottom left picture portrays Leatherlips standing on his monument.

The bottom right picture is a picture of the 2010 cast of *Leatherlips: Twin Clouds*.

A pat on the back to Bill Hopkins who, for several years, talked up the possibility of using high school students in an outdoor drama at Dublin Scioto Park.



Eydie Schilling, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching for Dublin Schools, assisted Bill in the many steps required to bring this project to reality.

The play was partially based on LUMC's book "Last of the Wyandots".

Note: The next Newsletter will be out in the Fall with more scenes from the drama. Congratulations to the cast for their presentations.

You are invited to Sunday services at Linworth United Methodist Church. Traditional Services convene at 8:45 and 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (New Connections) meets at 10:15 a.m.

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