



Highland Historical Society

Highlights

Highland, Illinois

January, 2013

**NEXT QUARTERLY
MEETING WILL BE 7:00PM,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013**

**AT FAITH COUNTRYSIDE ATRIUM
APARTMENTS
1331 26TH Street**

We plan to show a 1963 TV show: "Soda Pop and Paper Flags," which was partially shot in Highland, Illinois.

This is also our "Show and Tell" meeting, so bring your area items to share.

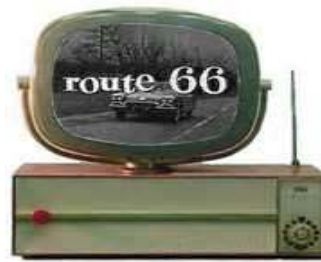
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Old Highland RR Station (a.k.a. Mapleton)



Highland, IL

The once popular TV show **Route 66** shot an episode, partly in Highland, in the fall of 1962 (October 27-November 5, 1962) which was aired on May 31, 1963 as Episode 31, the last of the Third Season.

In the first three seasons the show starred Martin Milner (1931-) (better known for his 174 episodes of **Adam-12**), in the role of Tod Stiles and George Maharis (1928-)(a top-40 singer in 1962), in the role of Buz Murdock, his sidekick. George Maharis apparently came to Highland for the filming, but he quit the show due to health issues and does not appear in the final version shown or in the credits.

The scenes he filmed here were cut from the final show and the new sidekick filmed similar scenes in Florida that were then blended in. The new sidekick, Link Case, was played by Glenn Corbett (1933-1993) who later played James Morgan for six years on **Dallas**. When George Maharis left the show, Robert Duvall and Burt Reynolds tried for the sidekick job but lost to Glenn Corbett, just as Robert Redford had lost to Martin Milner for the role of Tod.

The scenes filmed here are mostly of buildings that no longer exist but include some street scenes that are familiar. The first recognizable scene is waiting for a train at Old Route 40 at "Leder's Crossing." The scene is dark and you cannot see which sidekick is there, but it is

likely George Maharis. When the train stops, a hobo jumps off and Highland's old train station has a sign that says "Mapleton" as they are supposed to be in Missouri. The next scene is a gas station which was filmed in Florida, followed by a big fight in front of a now gone brick building on Broadway and Washington, which included the State & Trust Bank, Nagel Pharmacy and Schmitt Music Store. There is a flash of a sign to the dentist which would be Dr. Bauman on the second floor.



Broadway and Washington

Tod takes a job at a rubber processing plant while the missing sidekick is supposed to be working as their traveling salesman. Tod takes the owner's son for a ride in his Corvette that goes from 6th Street down a six lane highway with motels and restaurants (Florida) only to end up out of town at the former O.L. "Buster" Brown home west of Highland on old Route 40 where Korte-Luitjohan now has offices.



Hagnauer & Knoebel warehouse on 6th St.

A large section of the show was filmed at the former Hagnauer & Knoebel warehouse on 6th

Street. In the background are still existing houses on 6th St. and Laurel St. Tod's room, supposedly at the Brown house, is filmed in a hotel room at the Chase Park Plaza. The hospital scenes were filmed at Bethesda General Hospital on Vista Ave., off Grand, in St. Louis.

The show was named "Soda Pop and Paper Flags." The boys are headed for Memphis (None of the episodes with Glenn Corbett were actually filmed on Route 66.), when the pair stops in "Mapleton, Mo.," for gas. Tod jumps into a fight to defend from troublemakers a transient hobo, played by Chester Morris (1901-1970)(Academy Award 1929 for "Alibi").

Deciding to stay for a while, Tod & Linc go to work for a rubber processing plant, with Tod staying in Highland and Linc going on the road as a salesman. Linc's scenes are, therefore, not supposed to be in Highland. He tries to sell hot water bottles to Jim Horst, who is played by Tom Bosley (1927-2010)(Richie's dad in **Happy Days**).

Later when the hobo is accused by a mob of vigilantes of bringing a sleeping sickness virus into town, Tod once again defends him. Alan Alda (1936-) who is best remembered for being a doctor in **M*A*S*H**, plays the role of Dr. Glazer who finally diagnoses the disease as coming from ticks on a dog from Texas. The vigilantes finally settle down and the boys hit the road for other "Route 66" spots in Florida, Toronto, Maine and New York.



Laurel Street