

The LHS Newsletter Archive

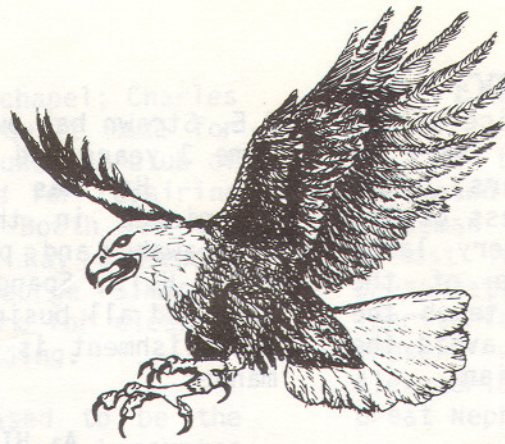
# **BALD EAGLE**

**Volume Thirteen, Issue Number 4**

Originally Published in LeCompton, Kansas : Winter 1987  
Digitally Archived August 2006



# BALD



# EAGLE

VOL. 13 No. 4

LECOMPTON, KANSAS

Winter 1987

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The last issue of the Bald Eagle showed the town as it was in the 1900's prior to the fire of 1917. In this issue we include information on some of the merchants and their various businesses. This information comes from the Lecompton Sun. Dec. 24, 1914  
Iona Spencer

### LECOMPTON

In Douglas county, is situated 11 miles west of Lawrence, the county seat, and has a population of about 400. It is one of the oldest towns in Kansas and is rich in historical interest, having been the territorial capital. Here were enacted some of the events that precipitated the Civil War, it being the headquarters of the Pro-slavery party. For many years it was the seat of Lane University, conducted by the United Brethern church. Among the historical buildings and places that now remain, are Constitutional Hall, the Rowena Hotel, the Chapel, built on the site of the Capitol building, the Governor Stanton mansion, and the Fort Titus battle ground. The town is noted for the high character of its people. Its business is that of the usual small town. The community is an agricultural one and the principal products are cattle, hogs, grain, hay and dairy products. The soil is especially adapted for raising fruit. There are great possibilities for the development of a great fruit growing section, and fruit lands can be purchased at a low price. Interviews with the various

following business enterprises of the town show a healthy condition of commercial affairs.

### H. W. SPANGLER

Judge H. W. Spangler came to Lecompton in April 1898, from Perry, Jefferson county, where he was in the drug business for a number of years. Judge Spangler became a registered pharmacist when the law first went into effect in Kansas. He conducted a drug store here for F.L. Diggs, later returning to Perry to accept a similar position. A few years later he accepted a position in the Strawn drug store here and still holds the job. Judge Spangler is justice of the peace and also a notary public. He handles fire, lightning, tornado, hail, live stock and surety bonds insurance, representing the American Surety Company, New York; National of Hartford; American Central of St. Louis; German American of New York; Insurance Co. of North America, Philadelphia; North British and Mercantile, London; Grain Growers' Hail Insurance Co., of Topeka; and Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Co., Crawfordsville, Indiana. Judge Spangler is public spirited and one of our best citizens.

### DR. C.C. KERR

Dr. C.C. Kerr has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for almost ten years, and has met with decided success as a practitioner. He graduated April 5, 1905, from the University Medical College at Kansas

City, Mo. He began the practice of his profession first at Perry. There he spent three and one-half years, after which he acquired the business of Dr. Chambers here, and has a very large practice. Dr. Kerr's idea of the practice of medicine is to teach the people how to keep well and avoid the necessity of calling a physician.

#### J. C. TODHUNTER

John C. Todhunter has been actively engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock for a period of twenty-five years. He established a good market here many years ago that has drawn a big trade for miles on both sides of the river. Mr. Todhunter expects to continue in the business, paying all the market will permit. He is at present buying for the Wolff Packing Company of Topeka, and travels over a large part of central and northern Kansas. Mr. Todhunter is one of that firm's oldest shippers. He buys both cattle and hogs, and is always ready to make a liberal bid on the same.

#### M. E. BRISBIN

M. E. Brisbin is a jeweler and gunsmith with twenty years experience in that line of work. He conducts a shop here, which he established 2 years ago, and is kept busy all the time at his trade. Mr. Brisbin pays especial attention to the repairing of watches, clocks, sewing machines, bicycles, guns, etc. and his long experience enables him to turn out work in a rapid and satisfactory manner. He solicits the patronage of the public on the assurance of good workmanship and reasonable prices.

#### C. E. STRAWN

Numbered among its various business enterprises is Lecompton's drug store. This is an up-to-date and well kept establishment that carries a complete and well assorted stock of drugs, paints, oils, patent medicines, candies, cigars, toilet articles, stationery, school books and school supplies, with a soda fountain in connection, from which soft drinks are dispensed both summer and winter. Mr.

C.E. Strawn has owned this business for some 3 years and has made a success of it. He has had about 7 years experience in this work, and is a wide-awake and public spirited young man. H. W. Spangler is the pharmacist here and all business entrusted to this establishment is handled in a careful manner.

#### A. HILDENBRAND

A. Hildenbrand, better known as Gus, is proprietor of an up-to-date general merchandise store here that does a good business the year around. Mr. Hildenbrand has been in this business only about 7 months, moving to town from a farm near Lecompton, but in that brief time he has become thoroughly familiar with every detail of the merchandise business and is meeting with splendid success. He carries a well selected stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, groceries, shoes, flour, candies, cigars, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, canned goods, etc., and the completeness of his stock makes it possible for him to meet every demand of the trade. The various lines are kept replenished with fresh goods that give satisfaction both in quality and price. This store also handles country produce, butter, eggs, etc., and the highest market prices are paid at all times.

#### STATE BANK OF LECOMPTON

The business fraternity of a town would not be complete without a solid banking institution, such as Lecompton possesses. This bank was established 10 years ago, and its growth has been steady and substantial. It has a capital and surplus of \$17,000 with deposits from \$60,000 and \$65,000. The facilities of this bank for handling business are second to none, and the parties who manage its affairs are supported by years of experience in the banking business, Mr. B.F. Wizer is president, Mr. J.W. Kreider, cashier and Miss Zella Illif assistant cashier of this institution.

#### WINDSOR HOTEL

This hostelry is among the pioneer

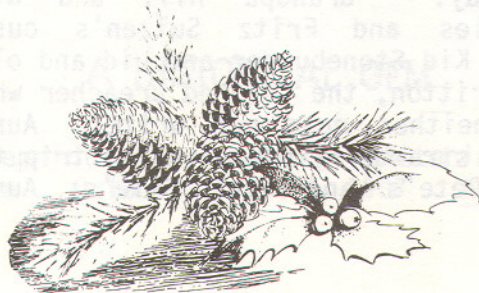
business concerns of the town, and, of course, is one of the most important enterprises here. It consists of 12 rooms and other departments and is arranged with a view to the comfort and convenience of the trade. Mr. H.W. Brownson is the proprietor, having been in charge of the business for 2 years. He makes a strong effort to please the public and to merit the patronage accorded him. There is a short order restaurant in connection and all orders are given prompt attention. A line of confections, cigars, tobacco and cold drinks are also carried.

#### BARBER SHOP

Lecompton's barber shop is presided over by Mr. Alf. Mikesell, who has owned and operated the business since last March. He has a neat, clean shop, understands the business thoroughly, does first-class work and has a splendid patronage. Haircuts, shaves and shampoos are attended to on short notice. A line of hair tonics and cigars is carried. This shop is also agent for Wilder Bros. Laundry at Lawrence, the basket leaving on Wednesday every 2 weeks.

#### D.L. VILES

Dennis L. Viles has been a breeder of blooded stock for a period of 20 years. He has been in the business here for 15 years, and owns some of the best stock to be found anywhere. His string consists of 3 stallions, 2 drafts and 1 Morgan and 2 jacks, mammoth big bone Missouri products. These animals are all registered, being first-class in both quality and appearance. Mr. Viles has at various times exhibited his stock at the state and county fairs and been quite successful in winning premiums on their superior qualities. He contemplates adding an imported Percheron to his valuable holdings in the near future.



## THE HILLS OF LECOMPTON

Every town has families that through their energy and sense of caring make it a pleasanter and more prosperous place to live. It doesn't mean that they spread their wealth around, but through their participation in the churches, schools, local and county governments, keep the town moving ahead with the times. One such family was the Hill family of Lecompton, Kansas.

The family started here in the United States with Frederick Hill of Brunswick, Germany. He had immigrated to the U.S. and in 1775 married Elizabeth in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Their son, Jacob Hill, in 1814 was wed to Rosena Elizabeth Byer. Their son, Frederick Byer Hill married Sophia Metzger Treadwell in Bedford in 1842. They had five children while living there: Elizabeth, Agnes, John Quincy, Harriet, and Mary Maude. They then moved to Cedar County, Iowa by 1855 where Julia, James Frederick, William, and Elmer Jacob were born. In 1865 they followed Solomon Weaver to Lecompton, and here Helen Viola, Rosena Margaret, and Paul De Knight were born. In 1878, Mrs. Sophia Hill died and Mr. Hill married Carrie Macy. Julia will be remembered as Mrs. Frank Kerns, Elmer Jacob as "Uncle Jake", Rosena Margaret as "Winnie" Sehon, and Mary Maude as "Maymie" Iliff.

Frederick Byer Hill and his family settled in Lecompton. He was a friend and supporter of the United Brethren Church, and during his stay in Iowa, he had held an official relationship with Western College there. During his residence in Lecompton of thirty-three years, he was a constant friend of Lane University and was, for many years a member of the board of trustees. He was also called upon to fill numerous offices in the city and county governments.

In 1860, while living in Western

Iowa, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hill, daughter of Frederick Byer Hill, married N. B. Bartlett. He had attended Western College and had received his A.M. there. They came to Kansas in 1865, and settled in Anderson County, where they remained one year, they moved to Lecompton where he was engaged as a teacher at Lane University. In 1869, he was elected President of the university and remained at the school in some capacity until it left Lecompton in 1902. The Bartletts had 4 children, Frederick C., Ina, Arista, and Dana.

When Solomon Weaver came to Lecompton in 1865 to be President of Lane University, Julia Hill came with the Weaver family. A relative of hers, Daniel Mark Hill was already in Kansas in Anderson County, at Cherry Mound. In 1854 he had married Delilah Boone, daughter of a great nephew of Daniel Boone. In 1869, due to his wife's ill health, he sold his farm there and moved to Lecompton Township, 2 miles south of the City of Lecompton. He ran a fruit farm and raised sheep and cattle. He left that place and lived in Jefferson County for a period, but soon returned to Lecompton Township to purchase 200 acres near Big Springs where he lived many years. In his marriage he had 7 children: William, Charles, George, Frederick, Anna, wife of C.T. Spencer, and Lula, who married E.M. Duncan.

The large Hill clan decided to keep their ties close by having a reunion dinner every New Year's day. They took turns having it at various homes. They had a guest book in which they had each guest sign, also a group picture was taken every year. The Lane Museum has one of the books and several of the pictures. Recently, a letter written by Dana Bartlett was found. He had been unable to attend the reunion in 1941 so sent a letter which follows.

Sara Walter

[Letter from Dana Bartlett to New Year's Dinner at Sehons, 1941.]

Dear "Hills of Home":

Greetings, good wishes, felicitations and all that stuff on this the fifty-first New Years dinner of the clan, from the Texas Bartletts.

We were all home for Christmas and enjoyed a fine time. Fred came from Trinity U, where he is a senior this year and Kathryn from Shawnee Oklahoma where she is educational director in the First Presbyterian church.

We are all thinking of you on this New Year's day and wishing we could be with you but will have to skip it. Maybe next time. We have lots of fine friends here and we like them, of course, but no one can quite take the place of your own folks. "Good Old Lecompton." That will sound funny to the second and third generation present but my memory of it is when we were all much, so much, younger. When the roll call was practically complete. When old Lane was a influence in the whole community. When the fourth of July and Christmas were real events and an orange and a sack of candy made you happy. When the old swimming hole on Coon creek was a Palm Beach and the Kansas River was the biggest stream in the world. When Jake Carlson shoed horses and old "Ticklebritches" Mayswinkle was the best shoe cobbler in seven states. When Col. Nace rode old "Buck" to town and Joe Cunningham took supper regularly at the Bartletts. When Sally McCarty rode old "Bet" to school and Leamer's grove was Hyde Park and the last day of school picnic was the event of the year. Fred Nace's giggle, Jim Stone's fits, Dr. Huffman's sermons and Uncle Ace's jokes. Uncle Frank's strawberry patch and Judge Ferris's false teeth. Dan Baughman carrying the mail and Mr. Fuller with his dray. Grandpa Hill and his ax-handles and Fritz Sulzen's cuss words. Kid Stoneburner and Lid and old man Albritton, the colored preacher who could neither read nor write. Aunt Julia's strawberry preserves; a trip to Uncle Pete's and Aunt Olie's; Aunt

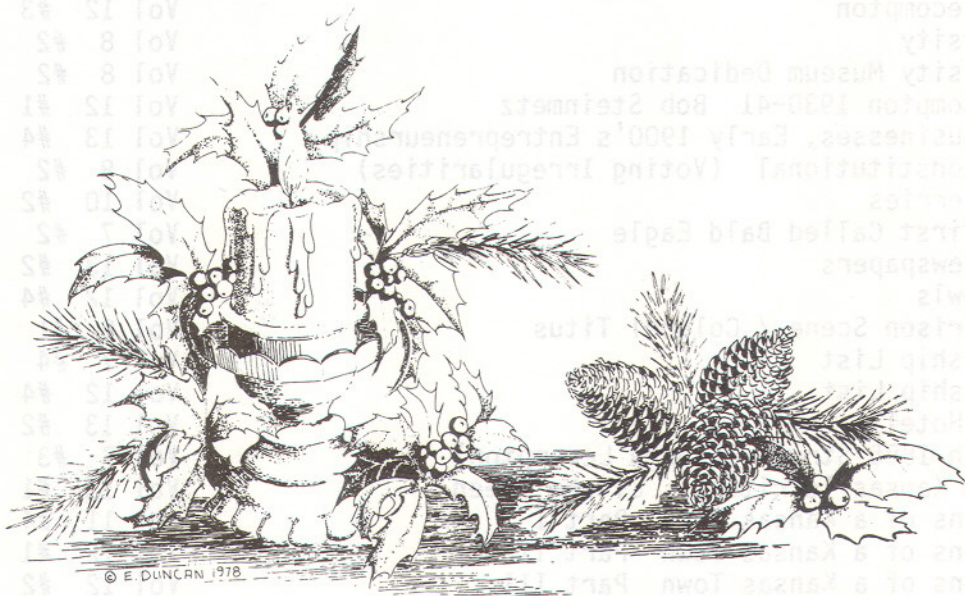
BALD EAGLE INDEX

We thought you might be interested in having an index of the main articles included in each Bald Eagle since Volume 7, #1 (Spring 1981).

Title	Issue	Year
Annual Hunt 1901	Vol 13 #1	1987
Battle of Fort Titus	Vol 7 #4	1981
Battle of Fort Titus: An Eye Witness Account	Vol 9 #3	1983
Big Springs Christian Church	Vol 10 #1	1984
Bob Steinmetz: No Dissapointment in Going Home	Vol 7 #3	1981
Camp Sacket	Vol 9 #1	1983
Civil War Riders	Vol 7 #2	1981
Chester A. Arthur's 1857 Visit to Lecompton	Vol 10 #3	1984
Christmas Letter from Lecompton 1856 (Rob. Stevens)	Vol 12 #3	1986
Christmases Remembered 1916 (1888 & 1929)	Vol 8 #4	1982
Constitution Hall	Vol 7 #3	1981
"Dog Holler" School also called Greenwood Valley	Vol 7 #2	1981
1910 Elmore Street	Vol 13 #3	1987
Fourth of July in Lecompton, 1858, 1880, 1885	Vol 9 #2	1983
Geary and the "Governor's Mansion"	Vol 11 #1	1985
Geary and Sherrard Affair	Vol 11 #2	1985
Glenn School District #33	Vol 9 #2	1983
Henry Hiatt, A Kansas Pioneer	Vol 11 #3	1985
Hotels of Lecompton	Vol 12 #3	1986
Lane University	Vol 8 #2	1982
Lane University Museum Dedication	Vol 8 #2	1982
Life In Lecompton 1930-41 Bob Steinmetz	Vol 12 #1	1986
Lecompton Businesses, Early 1900's Entrepreneurship	Vol 13 #4	1987
Lecompton Constitutional (Voting Irregularities)	Vol 8 #2	1982
Lecompton Ferries	Vol 10 #2	1984
Lecompton First Called Bald Eagle	Vol 7 #2	1981
Lecompton Newspapers	Vol 13 #2	1987
Lecompton Owls	Vol 12 #4	1986
Lecompton Prison Scene / Colonel Titus	Vol 8 #1	1982
1981 Membership List	Vol 7 #4	1981
1986 Membership List	Vol 12 #4	1986
Old Rowena Hotel	Vol 13 #2	1987
Our City (An 1885 Stroll Through Lecompton)	Vol 7 #3	1981
Our Trip to Kansas Territory Elisha Green	Vol 13 #1	1987
Recollections of a Kansas Town Part I	Vol 11 #4	1985
Recollections of a Kansas Town Part II	Vol 12 #1	1986
Recollections of a Kansas Town Part III	Vol 12 #2	1986
Santa Claus Letters 1906	Vol 10 #4	1984
Slaves in Lecompton	Vol 9 #1	1983
A Southerner's Viewpoint of Kansas Situation 1856-1857	Vol 9 #4	1983
St. Peter's Catholic Church	Vol 10 #1	1984
Survival Jakob Walter	Vol 13 #1	1987
Teachers at Greenwood Valley	Vol 7 #2	1981
U.B. Church at Big Springs 1856	Vol 10 #1	1984
60 Years Ago in Lecompton	Vol 11 #1	1985

Also provided is an index of family genealogies we have researched.

Title	Issue	Year
Norman Brace Bartlett	Vol 8 #1	1982
Alexander Glenn	Vol 11 #2	1985
Albert Green	Vol 13 #2	1987
Elisha Green	Vol 13 #2	1987
Hill family	Vol 13 #4	1987
William Klaus	Vol 12 #2	1986
James Henry Lane	Vol 8 #2	1982
Judge Samuel Dexter LeCompte	Vol 8 #1	1982
Ely Moore	Vol 7 #3	1981
William McDowell Nace	Vol 7 #3	1981
William R. Simmons	Vol 10 #2	1984
E. B. Slade (Preacher who married Ike's parents)	Vol 8 #1	1982
Robert Wadlick Stevens	Vol 12 #4	1986
Colonel Henry T. Titus	Vol 7 #4	1981
Todhunter family	Vol 10 #4	1984
Solomon Weaver	Vol 8 #3	1982
George W. Zinn	Vol 7 #1	1981



**Merry Christmas from the Bald Eagle Staff**

Winnie and Lulu's double wedding. Bert Slade. The Lecompton Cornet Band and Wint playing "Queen City March" with his music up side down to see if it sounded any different. (It didn't). Dr. Lewis walking down the middle of the street. Tommy Cummings and his pony "Jelly". Elmer Myers and his "Keen spittin". Art Greene with his shirt tail always out. Al Greene's oratory. Ike Hartups courtship. Bruce Hoad and his fine voice. What a hit it would make now in radio. Tommy Halbert and his shouting at revivals. Shanks Windsor. Ross Patterson. John Truan. Ed Clark, the barber. Jim Worly and his croquet. Wright Wenrich. Uncle Jake and his "By Gunnies".

Main Street? Why the Main Street of America ran right through Lecompton and none of us knew it then. I don't care what Lecompton looks like now. It will never, never change to me. It was the cleanest, neatest, best improved town in the world when I was a kid and that's the way it is going to stay, in my books.

So you see I am thinking of you in many, many ways for you and what you were, where my youth and most pleasant memories will always be "The Hills of Home".

Love to all,  
Dana

#### Christmas Thoughts

Christmas is a season of giving,  
And a wonderful time to be living.  
Hearts are tender and filled with love  
As we celebrate the birthday of Christ above.  
We greet the day and all we hold dear  
With happy laughter and holiday cheer.  
Would that we could keep that spirit true  
And remember it often the whole year through.  
By giving God thanks each day  
For blessings that have come our way.  
So rejoice, and let us homage pay

Fay Glenn

#### A HISTORICAL GEM

(Reprint of a wonderful editorial from  
the October 21, 1987 Lawrence

Lecompton, the small village about 12 miles up the Kaw River from Lawrence, is the home of a historical gem which fully deserves the accolades of enthusiastic visitors who have learned of the charm and authentic value of Lane University Museum, and the skill of the Lecompton residents who have created such an attractive and complete historical collection.

Lecompton, first called "Bald Eagle," is rich in history, due to the fact that it once was envisioned as the capital of Kansas, and as a future 600-acre big city with wide streets and all the amenities of a busy cultural and political center.

In fact, Lecompton served for a while as the territorial capital of Kansas during the period following the Kansas-Nebraska Act of Congress, which allowed the two territories to make their own decision on whether they wished to be pro-slavery or anti-slavery, that is, "North" or "South."

Outside interests favoring the South made a walking trip up the Kaw, camping near Lakeview, and selected the rolling hill country to the west, on the south side of the river, as the site of the future capital of the territory. That was in 1854, only shortly after the first group of the New England Aid Society came from Massachusetts and founded Lawrence. Later, Topeka was selected as the capital for the state with an apparent understanding among politicians that Lawrence would have the state university.

The Lecompton pro-slavery group started building a capitol, but got only as far as the foundation when it realized that it had lost the territorial conflict. Later, the handsome old building was finished by the United Brethren Church to serve Lane University, which had been founded in 1864. The building was completed in 1882 and housed the university until 1902.



The museum display and the arrangements are superb. The housekeeping and neatness are near-perfect. And most impressive is the loyalty, interest and enthusiasm of the people in the Lecompton area who have worked so diligently, and expertly, to create the handsome and thrilling exhibit.

Since a rededication ceremony five years ago, the number of visitors has been approximately 3,000 annually. If the excellence and attractiveness of the display were more widely known, attendance would undoubtedly be increased at least ten-fold. Several thousand items are attractively arranged in several rooms, and the top floor has been restored into a chapel which is superb and could eventually be the site of numerous weddings and other religious services.

For the next two Sundays the Lane University Museum will be open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m., and then the "season" will close. From then until May 1, visitors will be limited to those making an advance appointment.

No admission is charged, and it is difficult to imagine how a group of interested citizens in Lecompton could be so cordial and cooperative in welcoming visitors. Some voluntary contributions are accepted and Douglas County provides a modest tax benefit.

Anyone interested in the early history of Kansas, or in seeing how successful a cooperative small town project can be operated, will be rewarded in spending an hour in Lecompton, touring the museum.

For anyone not familiar with rural roads, perhaps the easiest and most convenient way to reach the museum is to follow U.S. Highway 40 west from Lawrence for about 10 miles to the Lecompton turnoff, and then drive north three miles.

Visiting the museum can be a rewarding excursion.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another year draws to a close, the Lecompton Historical Society continues to be so thankful for the many people who have provided for a most successful Lane University Museum. No organization is any stronger than its volunteers, contributors and supporters. We can never thank you enough for your interest and concern for Lecompton and the Museum.

Included in the edition, is an editorial by Dolph Simons, Chairman of the Board of the Lawrence Journal World. He and Dolph Simons III recently toured Lane University and subsequently commented on their visit in an editorial. For a newspaper of the stature of the Lawrence Journal World to write such a glowing account of this Museum is, indeed, a credit to each of you who have helped in the effort to preserve our heritage.

Recently, we had the opportunity to visit with a representative of Senator Kassebaum. She stated that "the people of Lecompton must be very proud of their community, because they are always promoting events which enhance their historic heritage."

Don't forget our annual Christmas Open House. The date this year is December 6th, from 2 to 4 P.M. Merta Wingfield Fulton and Phil Wizer will provide the musical selections, followed by group singing. Also, our annual Christmas group picture will be taken following the program. Diane Meir is chairman of the reception, following the photo session. Plan to attend and be part of this historical picture for the future.

Thanks to Wally and Mae Holderman and Ralph Davis for mowing; to David Paslay and Pat Istars for work on the air conditioner cover; to Mae Holderman, Marguerite Bowman, Sally Wright, Sara Walter, Jeri Skinner and Elizabeth Johnson for cataloging artifacts; to Ruth Stauffer for having

the piano tuned in the chapel; Charles and Emma Worley for a quilt made for his mother Dora by the Sunshine Club of Lecompton; to Bruce Hoad for repairing the melodian; to Arden Booth for the radio interview of Dr. Ray Gieseeman; and to Arloene and George Simmons, Lavina Hanna, Maxine Dark for cleaning Lane before the last wedding.

We were very pleased to be the recipient of a part of Lecompton heritage when artifacts from Constitution Hall were given to the Museum by Lecompton Rebekah Lodge #698 and I.O.O.F. Lodge #413. These items include a secretariate, tables, chairs, podiums, cupboard, glass display cases, a 1916 mandolin and a beautiful punch bowl. We do appreciate the opportunity to preserve these artifacts as part of the history of the Lecompton community.

Our collection of artifacts continues to increase, thanks to you loyal and dedicated supporters of Lane University Museum. Recent additions include a large collection of "turn of the century" songs by Allie Banks; Lane University class picture from Lee Winter Gress; historic news items from Glenn and Mildred Petty; a unique checker set from Robert Williams; an 1881 letter creating incorporation of Lecompton as a 3rd class City given by Pat Hockenberry; English Ironstone bowl from the Perry American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; and antique typewriter from Dr. E. D. Nelson; photos of the Battle of Fort Titus by Harold and Margaret Jaspersen; news items from Nadine Matney Litton; a waffle iron owned by Letha Gentry Miller and given by LaJean Miller Murphree, a pipe from Frank Spencer, a pinafore, bonnet from Etta Spencer Ewing; spools of thread and buttermold which belonged to Wilma Fleming given by Corrine Childs; a mast light from a river boat, spoke shaver and coffee grinder found in a slave's cabin, given by Robert Hubbard; a woven human hair picture by Edna Moran Cole, given by Maxine Dark; an old adding machine from Janice Rake; a stuffed "Lecompton Owl" from Jill Powell; and a High School annual from Janie Grandstaff.

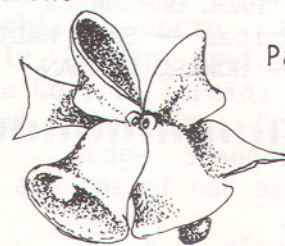
Paul Bahnmaier

## EXPERT ON LECOMPTON

At the November meeting of the Lecompton Historical Society, Dr. Ray Gieseeman of Washington, D.C. presented a most informative, fact-filled slide presentation about Lecompton and Territorial Kansas history. Also present was Fitzhugh Lee Opie from Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Opie is the Great Nephew of Robert E. Lee.

Dr. Gieseeman pointed out again and again the national significance of Lecompton. He presented slides with dateline stories from Lecompton as among the headlines of the New York Times. He stated that Lecompton lost the vote to be capital of Kansas by just 5 votes in the U.S. House of Representatives. This vote was taken after the U.S. Senate had approved the Lecompton Constitution and President Buchanan had stated he would sign the bill that authorized Lecompton as Capitol of Kansas. Photos of many important people were shown with them playing a role in the struggle for statehood in both Lecompton and Washington, D.C.

A six page handout containing territorial speeches and information was given to those in attendance. The crowd of 130 was most appreciative of his work and enthusiasm for our historic community. The remarks by Dr. Gieseeman and Mr. Opie were most positive about the future interest in Lecompton history. We can only say thanks for caring enough to take the time to travel the many miles to Lecompton to make this outstanding presentation.



Paul Bahnmaier

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELL, Almost, our goal was to reach 850 members by December of 1987. We feel sure we will meet this goal as

we still have to the end of December to collect five more. As of November, we now have 845 members. There are 403 Life and Memorial memberships and 442 annual paying members. Our total of new and memorial members for the 1987 season is 102. Our thanks to all who helped us to increase our membership. Let's make our goal 900 for the 1988 season.

Our billing due date is in December, so please renew your membership as soon as possible after you receive this newsletter. If your membership is due, you will find a separate membership slip stating it is due. If there is not one, then you are paid for the 1988 season. Please note, that our single membership has raised

THE LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Lecompton, Kansas 66050 is a non-profit corporation for the preservation of Historical Sites. We are eager for continued membership and new members!

Individual membership is \$3.00 per year, from December to December, while a household membership is \$5. Life membership is \$50 per individual. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Lecompton Historical Society, and mailed to Mrs. Iona Spencer, R.R.#1, Lecompton, Kansas 66050.

\* \* \* \* \* Please Clip And Mail With Your Check \* \* \* \* \*

- \_\_\_ \$3.00 Annual Individual Membership
- \_\_\_ \$5 Annual Household Membership
- \_\_\_ \$50 Individual Life or Memorial Membership
- \_\_\_ Other Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

#####

President -- PAUL BAHNMAIER  
Historical Writer -- SARA WALTER  
Typesetter -- HOWARD DUNCAN

Editor -- ELLEN DUNCAN  
Genealogical Writer -- IONA SPENCER  
Illustrator -- ELLEN DUNCAN

#####

Published by  
The Lecompton Historical Society  
LECOMPTON, KANSAS 66050

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Lecompton, Kansas  
Permit No. 1

Address Change Requested

to \$3.00, due to the increase of mailing and printing. Husband and wife are still \$5.00 and Life and Memorials are still \$50.00 per individual.

Life Members:

- Rev. Lybran Endsley
- Margery (Brock) Endsley
- Lawrence H. James
- Mary A. (Speicher) James

The above four were gifts from Allie Banks to show her appreciation and love to those who are close to her.

- Roger S. Colman, D.V.M.
- Edward C. Colman
- Diana (Colman) Kudeki

The above three were gifts from their father, Clare J. Colman.

Iona Spencer