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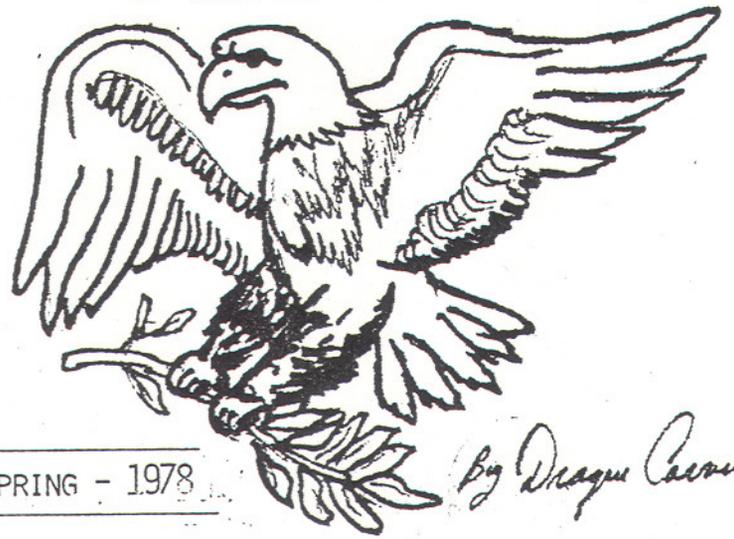
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....published quarterly by the Lecompton Historical Society, a non-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of Lecompton's colorful and historic past...and its hopes for the future.

THIS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT...6:30 P.M....IN THE LECOMPTON COMMUNITY BUILDING...

OUR APRIL MEETING...AND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SURE SHOULD COME!!!

THE LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE A REAL TREAT FOR ALL WHO ATTEND THEIR MEETING NEXT THURSDAY EVENING...THE COVERED DISH SUPPER STARTS AT 6:30 P.M....AND THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Ed Boles, with the Lawrence Preservation Trust...a neighborhood restoration group... will be at our meeting and show a film produced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation...the film is named..."A Place In Time".

We haven't seen the film, but we understand it is a VERY INTERESTING and EDUCATIONAL film. We do hope you come...if you don't want to come for the covered dish supper...come for the meeting. Admission is FREE and the public is certainly invited.

LET'S HAVE A BIG TURNOUT FOR MR. BOLES AND HIS FILM PRESENTATION.

ANOTHER TOP NOTCH MEETING SCHEDULED ALREADY FOR MAY 11TH...

Recently President Julia Springer appointed Howard Duncan to be our Program Chairman, and he has come up with a real fine program for May. Ann Clawson has agreed to have Watkins Museum present our May 11th meeting. Exact details of her presentation are not available at this time, but Howard says, "we discussed four possibilities and each one is a cracker-jack!!" Nuff said!

"SPRING CLEAN-UP HITS LANE UNIVERSITY...

Saturday morning, April 1st, might have been April Fool's Day for some people...but for a few dedicated, loyal Lecompton citizens, it was clean-up day for Lane University. Word had spread that some of our Legislators might be paying the building a visit, in connection with our request for state funds, so we wanted them to see a half-way decent place when they come. Manning brooms, shovels, and dust pans were Opal Goodrick, her three sons, Jeff, Tom, and Bob; Paul Bahnmaier, Dorothy Shaner, Chuck Wright, and Scott Reynolds. Surprising what a little work can do in a couple of hours. The first floor is all starlightened out except one room, while the second floor is cleaned up with all lumber stacked in the southwest corner, and what debris there was, piled in the southeast corner, waiting for someone to construct a chute, and shovel it down into a truck. Anyway, Lane University hasn't been so cleaned up for many, many years.

HOPEFULLY...FUNDS FOR LANE UNIVERSITY

ARE COMING...

From Opal Goodrick

(We didn't mean to infer that Opal is making)  
(her money available to us for Lane Univ., )  
(but her fine work and dedicated service in )  
(this area, certainly should be appreciated )  
(by all Lecompton area residents. She wrote )  
(the following article, but most of the work)  
(she writes about, she did. Editor )

After a special meeting with the State Historical officials and our architect, Charles Hall, a special meeting with the Douglas County Commissioners in search of available money, a visit to the State Capitol to meet with our Rep. Lloyd Buzzi, taking last minute pictures of the interior of Lane Univ. and having lots of copy work done in preparing supportive material, followed by long hours burning the "midnight oil", our application for a Federal grant was finally ready to be delivered to the State Historic Sites Survey office in Topeka on March 30th, two days before the deadline.

We will probably know by July 1 if our request for a 100% match of \$20,000 will make it over its first hurdle, and be forwarded on to the Department of Interior for final study. If approved all the way through, it will be July, 1979, before we will receive any of the funding applied for. Meanwhile our \$20,000 share will be accumulating interest in a safe savings account.

This is one of the reasons why we needed some of you to write a statement of what you remember about the Lane Univ. building. We sure appreciate your response. The experts call this "documentation" of an historical site.

As you are all aware, our savings of the money earned and donated over the past two years has almost reached \$10,000. The Board decided that this \$10,000, plus our 1978 allowance from the Douglas County Historical budget would give us \$17,000 to use as our matching share of a Federal grant. This figure was raised to \$20,000 when two Board members made a \$1,000 loan each to us at no interest, and two other Board members pledged \$1,000 together.

If approved, this Federal grant will make it possible to double our \$20,000, and it seemed like too good an opportunity to pass up. Now, we'll keep our fingers crossed that our application will be approved all the way.

*The BIG PROBLEM here is that since our capital cannot be used for any other purpose than to match the possible grant, there can be no rehabilitation work done on Lane this year... unless in the meantime, we can accumulate additional funds.*

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS BY SELLING  
A HISTORICAL BUILDING SURVEY BOOK...FOR EVERY  
\$3.00 BOOK SOLD, OUR SOCIETY GETS A \$3.00  
PROFIT.

This book contains a picture and description of every historic building in Douglas County, and would be most interesting to anyone who has lived in the county.

If you know of anyone who would like to own this unique, interesting and informative book, please call Julia Springer or Opal Goodrick. Dorothy Shaner also has them for sale in her shop in Lecompton.

REMEMBER...EVERY \$3.00 BOOK SALE IS 100%  
PROFIT FOR OUR ORGANIZATION...

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STATE REP. LLOYD BUZZI'S EFFORTS IN OUR  
BEHALF...SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

From Paul Bahnmaier

Thanks to the hard work of Lecompton's State Rep., Lloyd Buzzi, the first step toward the Lecompton Historical Society receiving \$2,500 from the Legislature has been initiated.

Representative Buzzi amended an appropriation Bill on the House floor to include the money for rehabilitation of Lane University. The Bill then passed the House of Representatives. It is now waiting action in the Senate, and signature of Governor Bennett.

## EDITORIAL

As you have read on the preceding page, a lot of hard work is being done to obtain the money necessary to rehabilitate Lane University.

This is a mere "drop in the bucket," as much more dedication and hard work lies ahead, if Lecompton is ever to realize the fruit of its effort to bring new money into the area, and preserve some valuable history.

Some towns and cities go all out to bring industry to their town or city. This may be good for them, but we here in this area like our quiet, clean community. We don't want noise, smoke, and lots of automobile traffic that comes with industry, not to mention the increase in taxation to provide more schools, more sewer and water facilities, and other city improvements, brought about by more people moving into the area.

Now don't get us wrong...we're not opposed to orderly, good community growth. Far be it! But, instead of bringing new industry into our town, why not bring in visitors...and their money. Let them see what we have in the way of history, and let them spend the dollars here that can be used to make our town better.

The Rockefeller Foundation spent millions of dollars to restore historic Williamsburg, Virginia. If you've ever been there, you know what a marvelous historic site it is. But, more than that, thousands of tourists each year visit Williamsburg, and they bring money with them.

This is but one of the reasons why the Lecompton Historical Society is so intent on the restoration of Lane University. Sure,

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we want to preserve the history of our area for future generations, but we could also use some of those tourist dollars in our town and county.

To do this, it will take money from us...and lots of money. But, in the long run, every local dollar spent will bring more back, through increased property value, etc.

In the next issue of the Bald Eagle, we hope to announce a fund-raising effort in which everyone living in the Lecompton and Douglas county area can participate. After all, the longer we wait to restore Lane University, the more it will cost. Have you seen anything going down in price? Let's don't sit around and wait for handouts from Washington or Topeka. Sure, it's nice to get financial help, but let's make every effort to do most of it ourselves.

I'm doing my share...how about you??? Watch for the June issue of the Bald Eagle.

### THE BALD EAGLE NOT SO BIG THIS TIME...

As you can see, this issue of The Bald Eagle isn't as large as previous ones, for two reasons.

First, you didn't send the editor any news, and second, we're trying to keep our costs down, so there will be more money available for Lane University work.

DON'T FORGET THE TWO BIG MEETINGS COMING UP,  
NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 P.M., APRIL 13,  
AND THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 11TH.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT BOTH MEETINGS.

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