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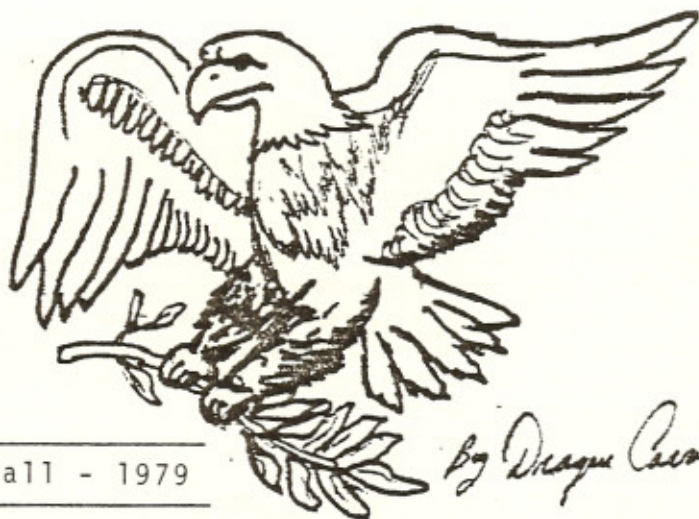
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WAGONS HO! JOIN US FOR A VISIT TO HISTORIC COUNCIL GROVE

Our Board Member, Howard Duncan, has made arrangements for members and friends of the Lecompton Historical Society, to tour historic Council Grove on Saturday, October 13th. Those who wish to join in the trip are asked to call Howard and make reservations for lunch, which will be served in the oldest house in Kansas...Hope House in Council Grove. Those who take the tour are to meet at the Lecompton Community Building at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 13th, so transportation can be pooled. The group will leave for Council Grove by 9:30 a.m., and eat lunch in Council Grove at 11:30 a.m. Cost for the lunch will be \$2.50 per person. Following lunch, the historic tour of Council Grove will take place, with Council Grove guides showing us the way.

Those who participated in Howard Duncan's tour to Weston, Missouri, well remember what an enjoyable time everyone had, visiting the Civil War homes and museum there...and the historic wine cellars of McCormick. So, take Saturday, October 13th off and join with those of us who are planning to go to Council Grove. We'll be looking for you.

RENOVATION OF LANE PROGRESSING...

Architect Charles Hall, Manhattan, is busy these days with plans to get the renovation underway as soon as possible. As of this writing, we don't know where the planning work stands, only we do know that as soon as the architect completes his plans, they have to be submitted to the Kansas State Historical Society and others, before advertising can be placed for bids, bids opened, and contracts let. Meanwhile, funds in the bank continue to gather interest, waiting for the day when they will be need to pay for the work.

We suspect that it may be early Spring, 1980, before contracts can be let and work started, so if you're as anxious as we are...just be patient a little longer.

IONE HERSCHELL SPENCER PRESENTS AN UNUSUAL (BUT NICE) GIFT...

...13 microfilm reels of Lecompton's newspapers, including the Monitor, College Oracle and the Lecompton Sun, going back as far as 1889 up to 1934. She presented them to the Society in exchange for a Life Membership. Ione, we know the microfilm cost you \$177, and that a Life Membership is only \$50. You had General Math under Prof. H.L. Paslay, just like the rest of us Lecompton High graduates, so the difference must be just plain generosity. As soon as the Society can obtain equipment necessary to view these microfilms, there will be many interesting (and fun-filled) hours spent reading and reminiscing in Lane University's museum. Thanks so very much, Ione!

ICE CREAM SALES NET OVER \$400...

In spite of all the work that went along with Territorial Days this summer, we did survive, and are keeping ideas in the back of our minds for making next year's event just as profitable for our Lane University project. The ice cream social went as smooth as the vanilla and chocolate itself, under the expert guidance of Maxine Dark, who helps to cook and serve 200 of our

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children every day during the school year, so dipping ice cream was really fun for her. (Well maybe!) All who helped in supplying the 18 freezers of ice cream and the many delicious cakes, weren't dragging their feet either...and all of this terrific cooperation brought over \$400 into our Treasury.

Talking about cooperation...you just can't imagine the planning, work and determination that went into Lecompton's historical play, "The Stonemason of Lecompton." Folks who saw it surely have a clearer understanding of the predicament territorial Lecompton found itself embroiled in during the pre-Civil War struggle of deciding whether Kansas would be a free or slave-state. Lecompton Constitution Hall, a NATIONAL LANDMARK, serves as a reminder of this turmoil of early day happenings here, and Ric Averill, playwright, has given us the means of preserving our heritage with this historic play. The cast and those working behind the scenes did a superb job, resulting in a delightful afternoon of entertainment on Lecompton's Territorial Day celebration. We're looking forward to seeing it again next year!

A RECEIPE FOR STRAWBERRY BREAD...from Bessie Hundley

At a recent Society meeting, everyone was thrilled when they tasted "Strawberry Bread" which Bessie Hundley had brought. So, we asked her for her receipe, and here it is:

3 cups of flour	1 t salt	1 1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 t soda	2 cups sugar	3 eggs well beaten
3 t cinnamon	1 1/4 cup cooking oil	2 pkg. (10 oz. ea.) frozen Strawberries (thawed)

Sift dry ingredients together in a large bowl, making a well in the center of the mixture. Mix remaining ingredients and pour into well. Stir enough to dampen all ingredients. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until done.

CHURCH PEWS PURCHASED FOR LANE...

Because Larry McElwain of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, Lawrence, wanted to keep 20 beautiful solid oak church pews together, he made it possible for the Historical Society to acquire them at a bargain price of \$75 each. We are hoping that some of you who remember the Chapel of Lane University, and how it looked when the United Brethren Church service was held there, might want to make a donation toward the purchase of these pews as a memorial to someone in your family who meant a lot to you, and who might have attended Sunday School and Curch in this Chapel. This has already been done by the Bahnmaier children in honor of their parents, Pete and Edna; by Julia Springer for her aunt Julia Kerns; by Forrest Springer in memory of his uncle Arthur Springer, and by Herman and Allie Banks. Warren-McElwain Mortuary contributed \$500 toward this project.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO RECENTLY HELPED clean up and mow grass and weeds in the area around the Community Building. Workers were Dorothy Shaner, Ab Cole, Bill Dark, Joe Stauffer, and Tom Goodrick. Now we hope their energy will payoff, by those of you who need to clean up your yard...get rid of junk cars...or just plain junk. Should we change the name of our town from Lecompton, Kansas, to Junktown, Kansas? It's up to you!!!

YOUNG GERMANS PRESENT LINDEN TREE TO LECOMPTON...

On August 5th, a Linden tree was planted near Lane University by a group of young Germans from Petterweill, near Frankfurt, Germany. We are grateful to them for this gesture of friendship and goodwill. Hutton Monument Co. in Topeka, donated the lettering on the granite marker, while the tree was accepted by members of the Society and Mrs. John Carlin, wife on the Governor. Leroy Hatch has tenderly watered the tree during this dry spell. Dale Gregg made arrangements to have the German youths receive K.U. sweaters, compliments of the University. The group was accompanied in their U.S. tour by John Kapp, brother of our Methodist minister, Rev. Paul Kapp.

The following businesses in Lawrence have expressed their good wishes with generous donations to the Lane University rehabilitation project. Next time you get a chance, please thank these folks for their help: KLWN Radio Station, Larry's Auto Parts, Bud Jennings Carpets, Rusty's IGA Stores, John McGrew Real Estate, Malott's Hardware, Montgomery Wards, J.C. Penney, Kuhn Truck and Tractor, All-Star Dairy, Lawrence National Bank, Lawrence Journal World, and Warren-McElewain Mortuary.

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