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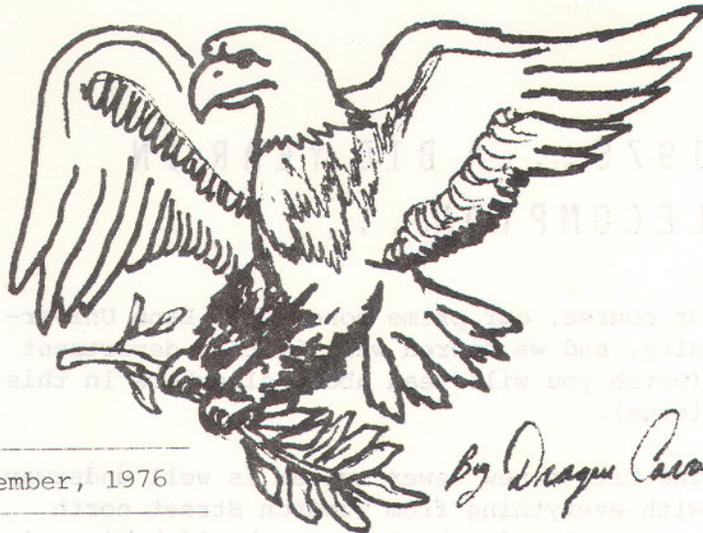
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— NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING —

This is your OFFICIAL NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of The Lecompton Historical Society will be held in the City Hall, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday evening, January 13, 1977.

Notice is hereby given that officers and directors for 1977 will be elected, and such other business to come before the Annual Meeting will be disposed of. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED!

Listed below are those who have paid their 1976 dues. If your name is not on this list, you have not yet paid your 1976 dues. Remember, annual dues are \$5.00 for the entire family, or \$2.50 for an individual membership.

For reasons unbeknown to the editor, our membership list is somewhat less than last year, so we invite you to pay your 1976 and 1977 dues at one time. LET'S START 1977 IN A BIG WAY...WITH A BIG MEMBERSHIP!!! Also, your dues are totally tax deductible!

Edna Bahnmaier

Paul Bahnmaier

M/M Herman Banks

M/M Merle Bartlett

M/M Charles Bloss

David Dark

Mrs. Maxine Dark

M/M Sam Dark

M/M Lyle Fergus

Mrs. Elda Flowers

M/M Stanley French

M/M Larry Gish

Opal Goodrick

Mrs. Violet Gourd

M/M Oscar Gowing

M/M Dale Gregg

M/M Jack Gregg

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M/M Raymond Hoffsommer

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Mrs. Lucy Large

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Mrs. Agnes Loysen

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M/M Bill Smith

M/M LePort Spangler

Mrs. Vernon Spencer

M/M Forrest Springer

M/M Walter Stauffer

Mrs. Earl Tobler

M/M Eugene Van Vranken

Mrs. Sara Walter

M/M Charles Wright

M/M William Wymer

1976... A BIG YEAR IN LECOMPTON...

Of course, our prime concern is Lane University, and we scored well in that department (which you will read about elsewhere in this issue).

The City's new sewer system is well underway, with everything from Woodson Street north now completed. The lagoons should begin using the system early in January. Our sewer system was partially funded by EPA. The total projected cost is \$508,000, with EPA paying \$322,000.

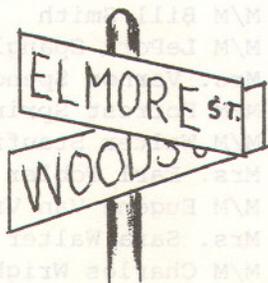
The project had its beginning when our president, Bill Smith, was Mayor, with the real push for federal help done under Raymond Hoffsommer's leadership while he was Mayor. The final contract was let on April 15th of this year.

Of interest to many was the 1976 version of Territorial Days...our bicentennial project. This year the Lecompton Jaycees took over the general operation, and the even was a huge success. We hope it will become an annual affair. Each and every person in our community gained from this event. Nearly all the social organizations in town had a money-making project that day.

The Jaycees built (and will maintain) a very fine horseshoe pitching arena, under the capable supervision of the past grand champion pitcher, our postmaster, Roland Kraft.

With part of the proceeds, and some money received from the County bicentennial committee, the Jaycees purchased and installed new street signs in town. They are very attractive...silver letters that reflect after dark on a blue background...and something not only for the present, but future as well.

Where East meets
West...our Times
Square in
Lecompton.....



Another project in 1976 is work being done on our City Hall, where we hold our monthly meetings of the Society.

The building is getting a new face lift, thanks to the very able councilwoman, Marge Fisher. Marge has pursued funds from every available source for our community projects.

The exterior of the building has been repointed. New Storm windows, doors, and a concrete walk, have been installed. A new parking lot in the rear of the building, with a ramp down to the rear door, has been put in to benefit the handicapped and elderly.

Inside the building, a new false ceiling and new lighting system has been installed. New built-in cabinets are already in place in the kitchen, and there are just so many more goodies that it's unbelievable. Oh yes we'll have NEW comfortable arm chairs to sit in...so you should, by all means, come to our Annual Meeting to see all of this for yourself.

Many homes in Lecompton have had a new face-lift also this past year, thanks to what they call the Rehab program. It is money set aside for homeowners, who are in need of help in repairing their property.

And, if you haven't seen downtown Lecompton lately, you've really missed something. The Shaners have given the business buildings a completely new look with new paint and redwood trim. IT LOOKS GREAT!! On your way to the meeting on January 13th, look it over.

Remember...your community is as good as YOU want it to be...or as bad as YOU want it to be!

Me, I think it's the best place on earth...
JUST ASK ME!!!

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You'll note our new two column format on each page, for easier reading, and the addition of recipes, in this issue. If you have a favorite recipe, send it to us.

1977 FUND REQUEST MADE FOR LANE UNIVERSITY

A public hearing was held on November 30th in the County Commission Room in Lawrence in regard to the 1977-78 Douglas County Community Development Block Grant Application. The Lecompton Historical Society was represented at the meeting by Mary Nelle Lasswell and Opal Goodrick.

Mr. Ernest Coleman reviewed the different projects which Douglas County residents have proposed be given priority in next year's Community Development funding.

Under the category of Historic Sites Preservation and Restoration, it is proposed that Lane University receive \$20,000. Also, due to the National Landmark status of Lecompton Constitution Hall, it is proposed to receive preservation funding in the amount of \$5,000.

The Lane University project was granted \$20,000 from the 1075-76 Block Grant Application, and the first contract using a portion of these Community Development funds has been awarded, and work will begin this week in restoring exterior stonework and replacing basement doors and windows.

All disbursement of these C.D. funds is handled directly through the Board of Douglas County Commissioners after the work is completed and approved.

It is of interest to all Lecompton residents that additional funding was proposed for City water supply improvements, housing rehabilitation grants and neighborhood facility improvements.

Let's hope that this 1977-78 Douglas County Community Development application is approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It will be a great benefit to our town!

----- NAME OF THE GAME -----

The Sunday school teacher, trying to impress the class with the joyous exultation of shouting Hallelujah, asked, "What word do church members shout with joy?"
The youngster answered, "Bingo!"

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK....

As we approach the end of another year and look back to see just what we have accomplished, if anything, and we surely have.

Probably the most significant is the \$20,000 grant from HUD through Community Development Funds for use in restoration of Lane University.

An architect, Mr. Charles Hall, well known for his historical restorations and character, has been hired, and a contract has been let for exterior work soon to begin. Seems that we're finally on our way.

Future plans include meeting rooms, rest rooms, display area, and much more.

An example of Lecompton's place in history came to us this fall. While serving on the Election Board, we were confronted by a photographer from TIME magazine, who was sent out by his superiors to "a small town in Kansas," to take election pictures. The reason he chose Lecompton was because of its history. He remembered it was the first capitol of Kansas, and our friend, Sara Walter, added much to his historic interest.

Another view back over the past year brings to mind such people who stand out for their work. There are many who work in their capacities for our goals, but there is one who stands out above the others.

Our friend, Julia Springer, has surpassed \$5,000 in donations to the Society through the sale of the bicentennial pendants!

THANKS, JULIA, FROM ALL OF US!!!

As you read on page 1, election of officers will be Thursday, January 13th, 1977. We will have a very fine covered-dish supper at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting, so we hope you come to both the supper and meeting.

As outgoing president, I would very much like to solicit your continued support of the new officers, and the goals we all share for another year.

Sincerely,

William J. Smith, President

WHAT'S COOKING...

RECEIPES FOR ALL OF YOU FINE COOKS WHO LIKE

TO TRY SOMETHING NEW...

(Loma Gregg sent us this one...it was given to her by Mrs. Carolyn (Geelan) Jones of Emporia...a former Lecompton resident)

GREEN TOMATO MEAT SPREAD

- 1 pint ground green tomatoes
- 2 large green peppers (ground)
- 2 large red peppers (ground)

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 " mustard
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 eggs (beaten)

Mix first three ingredients together with 1 teaspoon salt. Let stand 5 minutes, drain well. Cook in 1/2 cup water until tender, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain well, add 6 sweet pickles chopped. Make a boiled dressing of these ingredients.

Add rest of the ingredients and mix altogether and bring to boil, cook thoroughly - then add mixture of green tomatoes, peppers and pickles. Mix well, cook 3 minutes. Can in hot sterilized jars. You can add 1/2 cup celery and 1/2 cup onions to this recipe, but add them to the tomatoes and pepper mixture. Will keep indefinitely.

(Julia Springer sent us these two)

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 2 cups elbow macaroni (uncooked)
- 2 cans (10 1/2 oz.) mushroom soup
- 1 soup can of milk
- 1 (13 3/4 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 small onion finely chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 (2 oz.) jar pimentos, finely chopped
- 1 (5 oz.) can water chestnuts, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 tsp. salt

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(Chicken Casserole recipe continued)

Combine all ingredients and pour into 9 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish or deeper casserole (greased).

Put a lid of foil over tightly, covered overnight in refrigerator.

Next day put in oven and bake 350° for one hour.

This makes one large casserole or 3 small ones. Can be frozen or baked frozen.

LEMON SQUARES

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Melt butter in 9x13 pan. Mix 2 cups flour with powdered sugar, add to butter, bake 20 minutes.

Beat eggs and lemon juice together. Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add to egg mixture. Pour over baked crust while hot. Bake 25 minutes longer.

Remove from oven and sift powdered sugar over top while hot. 1 1/2 recipe will fill a large cookie sheet.

Bake 350° - 20 to 25 minutes
Cool and cut in squares.

(Jelly roll pan is best to use.)

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- - - EDITORIAL - - -

In the September issue of The Bald Eagle we wrote about the vandalism of signs along our roads, including the new signs placed along River Road.

To our amazement, a few days after the paper was mailed out, two of the River Road signs were left on our front porch...by whom, we do not know.

But, we were glad to have them back, and they have now been put up again.

WE LIKE THE NEW STREET SIGNS IN LECOMPTON VERY MUCH. Until they were erected by the Jaycees, we had no idea that the streets in town even had names. Of course, we had read about Elmore street in history books, as having been the "Wall Street of The West" but now we know what the other streets in town are named also.

OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THE JAYCEES...for doing such a fine job.

We sincerely hope that these signs remain in place for a long time to come. Please, all you young people, don't take down our nice new street signs!

Santa Claus, when he visits Lecompton this year...and years to come...will want to know where he's going...and these street markers will certainly help him.

We recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Shawnee County Historical Society, along with about 400 others. We wondered if our own Lecompton Historical Society would ever have even half that many at one of its Annual Meetings.

Whether you believe it or not, we have the privilege of living right in the center of much of our state's history. Yet, it never ceases to amaze us just how few people in our community really take much of an interest in the community and its history.

Dorothy Shaner says that she has the opportunity to welcome many visitors to town, as they visit her antique store. She has sold \$26 worth of our Lecompton History booklets, and she says, "I get the impression that people living outside of Lecompton are more

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interested in Lecompton history than people who live here."

With all of the new construction and rehabilitation work going on now in our town, we should all be very proud to live here.

Show your pride...come to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 13th. We may not have the number that Shawnee County has in their Society, but we have a more dedicated, and spirited group...with much more history.

See you on the 13th!!!

- - TREASURER'S REPORT - -

Our Treasurer, Sally Wright, reports that we have \$5,667.15 in our Savings account, and \$838.13 in our Checking account.

The large amount in our Savings account is due to the successful efforts of Julia Springer and many of the members, in selling the bicentennial pendants. We have already received more than \$5,000 from this effort, and still have some...plus two sets of ear rings at \$2.50 per set, if you need a Christmas present for someone. Still available are:

- 4 Liberty Bell pendants
- 1 Minutemen pendant
- 1 Flag ear ring set
- 1 Minutemen ear ring set

NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1977

President Bill Smith appointed a Nominating Committee as follows: Lyle and Millie Fergus, Lydia Long, Marge Gish, and Bill. Millie Fergus served as Chairperson.

They have nominated as our officers for next year, the following:

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|----------------|--|
| President | Oscar Gowing |
| Vice President | Bill Smith |
| Secretary | Mary Gish |
| Treasurer | Sally Wright |
| Director | Larry Gish, to be elected for a 3 year term. |

Nominations will be open until the Annual Meeting on January 13, 1976

APRIL 14, 1892

27 DOLLARS

Pays Tuition, Board and
Room Rent

for the Spring Term of 12 weeks in

LANE UNIVERSITY

Lecompton, Kansas

Spring Term begins March 29, 1892

Rev. C.M. Brooke, A.M. Ples, Rev. J.R. Chambers

All are made welcome, Come

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SPRING OPENING

I have just received a new and well
selected stock Hats, Bonnets, Flowers,
Ribbons, Laces, Ornaments and all
latest styles of Millinery goods.
Call and see us. Prices reasonable.

M.M. ILIFF

Lecompton Kansas

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LOCALS

Lane University had 2,000 business cards
printed last week.

Fred Baughman and Roy Smith will soon open
and ice cream parlor in the Mrs. Thompson's
building.

Mr. Worley returned from his farm in Clay
Co., Saturday, where he has been for some
time.

Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Day entertained a number of
friends at their home Tuesday. Not being
present and receiving no report, we are
unable to give a full account of the occasion.
(Marjorie can you help us out?)

W.R. Smith - Editor and Proprietor

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6 months .60

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A CAPITALIST

He had golden opportunities for speculation all
of which he declined as follows: Mine-Miner-
Minus. Again he returned to his old home, with
a fixed determination to live without work, he
planned an expedition to California in the
spring of 1891; taking advantage of excursion
rates, tourists sleeper (and such other ad-
vantages as can be taken of a railroad com-
pany) he landed among the "big trees", of the
Santa Cruz Mts., where had it not been for
the kindness of a brother, he would have been
compelled to work for his board; this the
most interesting part of his career was
shadowed by misfortune and gathering up a few
specimens from the sea shore, he hastened to
his home to show them to his friends. With a
strong determination to live without work, he
formed a combination consisting of a horse
and cart and ran for office, but was
defeated, for the simple reason he failed to
get votes enough.

With this varied experience, and in his declining
years he has finally decided to live within
his income, if he has to borrow money to do it.

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Editor's Note: These are but a few of the
"gleanings from The Lecompton Sun, provided to
us by Julia Springer. We'll have more in the
next issue. Meanwhile, we sincerely hope that

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS

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