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**EDITORIAL**

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It seems desirable to perpetuate the Main Street concept through preservation of the architecture and traditional activities.

People of today aren't different than those who settled the Area. Just as in the old days, there are those who care and those who do not. (M. Bair, Editor)

**1988 MEMBERSHIPS 1988**

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RECEIPTS

Dates Fund Raising: Old Town Hall Rest., 10125;
Sesqui Flag., 25.; Sig- natures Quilt, 60.;
Tilts, 56. 10266.00
Misc. – refund 4.00
Interest: 107.00 10393.98

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Administration 138.41
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LYONS SCHOOL PROJECT

These folks are engaged in the restoration of this building on Depot Road. A bell has been purchased, the furnace is being put into running condition, a sign telling of the project has been hung and fund raising events are planned. Contact Jerry Dilloway, 227-2678 with your support.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In the past only two tickets have been attached to the Trail Tales. Because of requests for more than two, five tickets are attached this year. This is for your convenience free to purchase only as many as you wish. You may consider selling the rest to friends. Your response and support in the past has been very encouraging.

The drawing will be 12-19-87, 3 p.m. at the Mall. Be sure to get your tickets in on time. All proceeds will go the Society’s Historic Preservation and Restoration projects. Altho’ not noted on the tickets, second and third prizes, a candy cane and a wreath made of yarn have been donated by Ruth Ann Cole.

The wooden sled, well built and nicely decorated, can be seen at the Mall on Saturdays, 11-3 p.m. when Society members will be offering tickets to the public. Should you win and not wish to keep the sled it can be donated back to the Society or some other worthy organization.

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SURVEY FORM FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sent out with last months Trail Tales, the return of this form would be a big help to project committee chairs. Take time to review and return soon. Lost yours? Call Shelagh Klein, 229-6571.

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The Signature Quilt project is gaining momentum. This quilt will remain with the Society as a directory of people who were connected to the area and felt it important to make a donation. Consider sending something of significance and the $10 as a Christmas gift. And be sure your children and grandchildren are included.

Material for Nine Patch Quilt, which is to raffle has been purchased.

The Sixth Annual Spaghetti Supper is being planned for next February. Consider attending this fun event.

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