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people to collect Oral Histories and to transcribe tapes. (A verbal record of the past, usually first hand knowledge, is an important part of the Society's activities. Learning of the everyday lives of ancestors enables us to better assess our own lives. A continuity from one generation to another is formed. Oral History is not a substitute but a complement to written history.)

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people to serve on the Finance, Home Tour, Lyons School and Old Town Hall Committees.

deliver batches of newsletters each month to local business sites, e.g. medical centers, township halls, real estate offices, etc.

...someone to put Trail Tales together. Various chairmen will provide information, and folding and mailing will be done.

Please contact a board member for more information on the above.

PRESEVERATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS

LYONS SCHOOL

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. at the chairman's home, L. Herb Warner, 229-6504. The planned brochure is coming together as are restoration details such as windows, bell tower, etc. Wording for the Historic Site marker is in the works.

OLD TOWN HALL

Work is progressing on the stabilization of the foundation for the bell tower. This committee will meet Monday, December 12, 7 p.m. Contact Sheila Klein, 229-6571 for more information and to offer your help.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS --- CHRM. DICK DAVIS, 229-8356

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Mel Scheman for serving as director for two years.

Audrey Leith, Leota Mason, Gary McCrerie and Mary White for consenting to serve on the board for 1989.

The Jack Gensens and the Floyd Fullers for serving as hosts at the Open House.

Committee Chairmen for continued support and cooperation.

Chamber of Commerce for their cheerful assistance.

10-1-88 TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL NET WORTH $36,202.66

RECEIPTS

General Fund

Dues $89.00

Hist. Pres. & Rest. Fund

Fund Raising Proj.

Bake Sale 132.25

Taxes 14.00

Trash & Treas. 431.15

Signature Qult. 10.00 587.40

Lyons School 75.00

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DISBURSEMENTS

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R!CAP - ANNUAL MEETING

The highlight was the showing of the video of the 1988 home tour shown by the Lemnars. 1989 plans include: spaghetti supper, home tour, antique sale, Trash & Treasurers sale, continued restoration of the Old Town Hall and the Lyons School. (Lots of work for lots of people.)

EDITORIAL

The announcement of the temporary retirement of the Editor has caused some concerned comments (which are very much appreciated) and deserves explanation. No, we're not moving, just taking on some other responsibilities for a while.

Upon review of the membership list it is obvious this Editor can be easily replaced.

We'd like to try to continue the local history notes on the back page. Let us know what interests you and research can be done in that direction.

How about some guest editors? (Editor M. Balie)

1989 MEMBERSHIPS 1989


Couples/Indiv.: Jeanette Bailey, Harry & Carol Davis, Mrs. Wm. (Betty Hall) Franklin (Arizona), Fred & Phyllis Grieseke, Clara Healy, Don & Linda Lund, David Pomerville, Doug & Carol Rearick.

The semi-annual review of the mailing list will take place soon. Many issues are sent to those recommended as being interested in its activities (or they should be) but are not members. However there is a limit to the number of copies printed. It will be necessary to remove some of those whom no response has been received so others can be added. Membership will ensure continued delivery. If there is no wish for Trail Tales to continue being received let us know.

Please consider a membership. Don't let someone else foot the bill. The date on the mailing label indicated the year for which dues are paid.