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FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 1, 1991 BEGINNING BALANCE $42562.57

RECEIPTS

General Fund: Done $3 30.00

8 8 12. 96.00

$3 30. 75.00 192.00

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & RESTORATION FUND

Finance - Signature Quilt 10.00

Lyons School Donation 3.00

Interest earned $132.30 $375.30

42977.87

DISBURSEMENTS


Newsletter Schopp 192.72

Bulk Mail Permit, etc. 26.00

293.72

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & RESTORATION FUND

Lyons School Utilities 11.07

304.79

December 31, 1991 TOTAL NET WORTH $42653.08

Savings 1702.04

Checking 1946.79

Kemper Fund 24130.20

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42653.08

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ADDRESS ______________________________

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