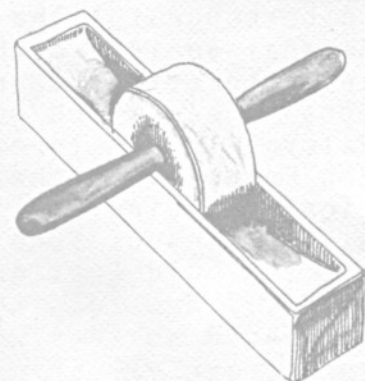




PALMYRA

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

FALL 1988



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A considerable number of members have not as yet paid 1988 dues. A look at the address label on your newsletter will let you know if you are among them. We hope that you will find it desirable to remain a member as we need your financial support to carry on society activities.

More and more persons are enjoying our restorations and video tapes, and a new museum building is becoming a dire necessity if we are to display the historical items which are coming in with increasing frequency.

We are also seeking a public spirited person who would be willing to make a major donation to have the building named for him/her or a loved one. We are seeking cost estimates at this time.

It seems that some are of the opinion that the society is financially well off, but this just isn't the case. We receive no governmental assistance as many of the societies do. All of our activities are the work of persons who donate 100% of their time, and in many cases much of the expenses.

THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL OF US.

NEWS & NOTES: The summer season is over and indications that the Carlin House is becoming an asset to the community is evidenced by increased traffic on the Open House dates.... Ann Shoemaker and her two guides are

to be congratulated on a fine job.... Several society members enjoyed a hot and interesting tour of some of the local areas which were important in Palmyra Indian lore....many thanks to Ron Kurowski of the DNR....The August picnic meeting was its usual success with delicious food and a viewing of the 1987 Old Settler video of Thelma Mason....New folding chairs have been purchased so that we no longer have to use our valuable period chairs for meetings....Ann Shoemaker & Dorothy Johnson have been appointed as a nominating committee....Keeping our lawn at the Carlin House in presentable condition this past summer was a problem, but thanks to Norm Johnson, we did better than most residences... Our next board meeting will be Thursday October 20 at 7:00 (Carlin House) and the next regular meeting will be on Saturday October 22 at the Powers Memorial Library at 1:30 P.M..... Kenneth Schlifske of the Heritage Military Music Foundation, Inc. and his wife will discuss Civil War History with us....Please come and bring a guest so we have a nice sized group for them.

A BACKWARD GLANCE by George A. Lehner

In continuing our saga of the 'Springs' era, we come to a period which seems clouded by a loss of records from 1878 to 1883. In 1884 the building emerges as the Palmyra Springs Sanitarium.

As far as can be ascertained from materials available, the function was still mainly therapeutic in nature, with the springs being the focal point.

By mid-year of 1887 additional changes appear to have taken place. The name now makes its appearance as the Spring Lake Hotel and the activities have been considerably expanded. Concerts and lectures were being held at the pavilion and it appears that the Steward Grande Concert Company summered at the hotel. This might indicate that the emphasis had once again shifted to the hotel and resort aspects of the building. It seems as though there was an ongoing struggle for identity.

The Palmyra Springs Sanitarium Company began business on May 1, 1898 with Mr. C. A. Birney, President and Dr. L.H. Prince as its Medical Superintendent. With the change in ownership came a change in services, Summer resort and hotel features were phased out as rapidly as possible and a Sanitarium and Hospital for the care and treatment of the sick evolved. A training school for nurses was a great success, with the only drawback being a demand for its graduates far exceeding the supply. The program also netted a profit for the sanitarium due to the demand for special nurse care. The number of patients grew from 69 in 1889 to 166 in 1903. Patient satisfaction was at a high level.

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