



# PALMYRA

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1985



### A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A special thanks and appreciation to past president Terry Johnson for his hours of lawn work, snow shoveling, carpentry, and the many more jobs he has done for the Palmyra Historical Society. I believe I speak for the members of the society when I say I hope Terry's interest will continue.

While my roots are in Dodge & Waukesha Counties, I am becoming knowledgeable of Jefferson County through the Powers Memorial Library & lessons with George Lehner who has been a great help to me.

### Officers for 1985 include:

- President - Donna Fanshaw
- V. President - George Lehner
- Secretary - Thelma Mason
- Treasurer - Dorothy Johnson

Board of Directors: Gladys Preusse, Violet Ferge, Marcine Hansen, Norman Johnson, Carol Calkins, Bob Oleson, Dorothy Poulson, & Terry Johnson.

### Tentative meeting dates for 1985 are:

- April 13
- June 15
- August 10
- October 12

Plans include speakers on antique analysis, geneology, as well as local interest in the area's past.

George Lehner is making a dream a reality. His many years of letter writing, Madison trips, questionnaires, picture taking & many hours of research will soon pay off. Our historical house may soon be on the National Register. Thank you George.

Interest has been shown for opening the Fisk Carlin House one Friday evening or Sunday afternoon per month (June-September). The Carlin House restoration is coming along great. The main floor is 90% complete.

### NEXT MEETING

APRIL 13, 1985  
1:30 P. M.

LEGION HALL

We are now planning to move our buckets, sanders, towels, etc. upstairs. Working on this type of project can give a person a good feeling of accomplishment. Even a few hours of your help will be greatly appreciated. If you don't see the front door open, and you have a few extra hours to help, please call Carol Calkins. Your help is greatly appreciated. Besides, it gives you a chance to see your dues at work.

Besides your help in the house, your society really needs your attendance. Attendance at meetings needs to be improved. Your society is only as good as you make it. Should you have any suggestions for meeting programs or projects, tell one of the officers.

Donna Fanshaw

### NEWS & NOTES

Our cooperative effort with Powers Memorial Library in the presentation of a Local History Lecture-Video Series proved to be a great success. Groups numbering from 20 to 30 persons attended each of the four sessions. Four phases of Palmyra History were covered - The Importance of Local History, A Nostalgic Trip Down Main Street, Indian Lore & Local Traditions. We hope to continue our cooperative efforts in the future as we feel that this is in excellent way to serve our community.....The Old Settlers Committee is being formed so that plans for the July event can begin..... It is time to renew your membership for

1985. Remember your time, your presence & your dollars are all important to the success of our society. If you have doubts, just compare our present condition with that of even a short 5 years ago. The progress has been terrific and it is only your effort and support that has made it so.... We are in desperate need of a new furnace to preserve the restoration we have accomplished and are now in the process of getting bids. We hope to have it in place by early spring. Any donations toward that project will be gratefully accepted.....The cook-

book project was a huge success. At this writing our supply was practically nil and we have had to remove it from our order form. A few copies may still be available from the gift shop of the State Historical Society.....Watch the Palmyra Enterprise for information about the program for the next meeting. We are hoping to have a fine program for each meeting and hope to have something of interest for everyone over the next 6 months. Check the meeting dates on your calendar now.

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_____	HISTORICAL GLEANINGS OF MELENDY'S PRAIRIE - PIERCE	\$4.50
_____	WATER OVER THE DAM - ROOU	\$4.50
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_____	OLD HIGH SCHOOL	\$4.50
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