

PALMYRA

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER 1986



NOTES: Where do your donation dollars go? So far this spring we have installed a new burglar alarm system to protect our valuable and irreplaceable possessions, at a cost of \$879....restored the woodshed at a cost of \$1200 plus....installed new dead-bolt locks for about \$30....purchased plastic runners to protect our valuable carpets for about \$75....YOUR GENEROSITY is leading to some amazing progress when we consider the fact that we started just a few years ago with an old building which is long on history but short on maintenance, with only the high hopes of a few historically minded people to sustain usnow we have your good solid backing and ever more persons to contribute funds and elbow grease...your board is already looking to the future with preliminary thinking and planning for a museum building to house and display items which have been donated, but do not lend themselves to house display....any donations toward this large project will be placed in a savings account for its future use.... If you happen to be interested in a large donation toward such a project do not hesitate to contact the officers and discuss your desires with them.

...our latest publication
" A STROLL DOWN THE MAIN
DRAG " is now available
....this booklet uses
1985 business locations
to pinpoint the busi-
ness ventures which
occupied the sites
since Palmyra's early
settlement. Like
other society pub-
lications, it
makes an ideal
gift at a price
of \$1.00 plus
.25 for postage.
...1986 calendars

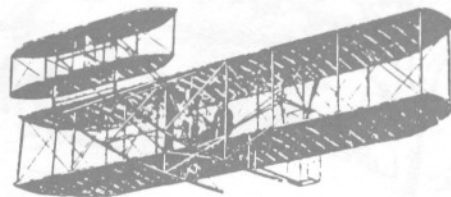


with the valuable pictures of the past are also still available in limited number.... the Old Settler video tapes have been playing on Cable Channel 22 providing the whole community with an opportunity to share our documented heritage....the society is again co-sponsoring a film-lecture series with Powers Memorial Library....another new item on sale is a packet of 10 notes and envelopes bearing a sketch of the Carlin House, priced at \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage if sent by mail....We are proud of the new bronze National Registry plaque.

OLD SETTLERS 1986

That extra special day in the life of the Palmyra community, OLD SETTLERS DAY, is rapidly approaching. This is a day of celebration for everyone in the community and we hope that more of the younger people will join their elders in a pleasant family get-to-gether. This year is a homecoming for the class of 1936 so we hope that the following will make plans to attend: Jean Aplin, Lois Yeo, Earl Jordan, Lyle Adams, Esther Fisher, Betty Parsons, Edna Wambold, Dorothy Stern, Neil Willson, Gertrude Nokes, Lester Crerar, Katherine Brewin, Howard Wiltsey & James Dodson. On Sunday July 27, 1986 all roads lead to Palmyra. We hope that all of you will join us.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - SATURDAY JUNE 14, 1986 AT 1:30 IN THE CARLIN HOUSE.



Indian folklore, accounting for the unusually deep blue color of the spring which is the source of Blue Spring Lake, tells this tale. An Indian chief of the Prairie Pottawami had twin daughters, each a mirrored image of the other, so much so that it was almost impossible to tell them apart. The young women were very fond of each other and engaged in all activities together. Their greatest fear was that one day one of them would be wooed by a brave and be taken away to his village.

One morning, one of the young women awakened to find her sister missing from the family wigwam. The girl was still missing at nightfall and a worried family began a search of the area usually frequented by members of the tribe. Days passed and the girl did not return or send any kind of a message. All search proved fruitless. The remaining twin was unconsolable and she searched the woods and creek bottom daily.

On one of these days, half-crazed with grief, she wandered to the edge of a spring. Leaning over the edge, she peered into the crystal clear water. The day was bright and sunny, with not a single cloud in the clear blue sky. The spring mirrored the beautiful face of the girl on an azure background and she thought that it was the face of her beloved twin. Quickly her mind was made up. She would never be separated from her twin again. She cast herself into the water and from that day onward the spring remained a mirrored image of that clear, blue sky and became Palmyra's beautiful Blue (Aurelian) Spring which is so historically important to the village.

Coming back to reality, the Blue Spring is thought perhaps to have been a watering-hole for Black Hawk and his Sauk as they led Col. Atkinson and his army on a merry chase through the area during the Black Hawk Wars. We will have more on that in the next column.

I enclose \$_____ for 1986 Membership.

___ Single (\$5) ___ Couple (\$10)

___ New ___ Renewal

___ Donation to be used for _____

___ Palmyra Historical Calendars (\$3 + \$1 postage)

___ A STROLL DOWN THE MAIN DRAG (\$1 + .25 postage)

___ CARLIN HOUSE NOTES (\$3 + .50 postage) per pack of 10 notes & envelopes.

___ WATER OVER THE DAM - Roou (\$4.50 + .50 postage)

___ HISTORICAL GLEANINGS OF MELENDY'S PRAIRIE - Pierce (\$4.50 + .50 postage)

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