



PALMYRA

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

FALL 1987



NOTES & NEWS:

Plans for the remainder of 1987 are now in progress - CHRISTMAS PAST a Christmas weekend is planned for December 5 & 6 - the parlor will have a tree decorated in the style of the early part of the century and we hope to be able to display toys of that period - If you have any such toys and are willing to loan them for display please call 495-4580 - we will need them for about two weeks so that we can tag them for display - The display will be only as good as your generosity will allow - PLEASE - In other rooms of the house we will have a DOLL DISPLAY & a TRAIN DISPLAY - The act-

ivities will take place during the hours of 2 - 4 P.M. on both days to allow the young people of the community to come in and ask questions as they view the displays - The tin roof of the Carlin House has been repainted at a cost of approximately \$1200 - We still have a few minor maintenance items to complete before winter sets in - 1988 CALENDARS are beginning to move - all new historical photos and information make them a 'must' addition for your home and on your Christmas gift list - Calendars are also available at Palmyra Drugs and Palmyra Amoco - Our twenty variety cards are also available at the above and the Bottle Shop & Antique stores on Main St. - Our summer visitation days showed improved attendance - Thanks to Anne Shoemaker and all who assisted her - Some of our long-time members have still not sent their 1987 dues - We hope that this is just an oversight and that you will make use of the form at the bottom of the first page - WE NEED ALL OF YOU - Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday October 31 in the meeting room of the Powers Memorial Library - the Board will meet on the Monday

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1987 MEMBERSHIP

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- _____ CARLIN HOUSE NOTES- \$3 plus .50 postage
- _____ 1988 CALENDAR - \$3 plus \$1 postage
- _____ WATER OVER THE DAM- \$4.50 plus .50 postage
- _____ HISTORICAL GLEANINGS OF MELENDY'S PRAIRIE " \$4.50 plus .50 postage
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of that week in the Carlin House - Time of meetings 1:30 P.M. on Saturday and 7:00 P.M. on the Monday.

A BACKWARD GLANCE by George A. Lehner

As indicated in the last issue, our pioneer ancestors were not without a sense of humor, and certainly not hesitant to embellish that humor with a bit of stretching of facts in telling their stories. Like the common fish story, it is pretty much left up to the discretion of the listener as to what the actual facts in the case are.

Another tale in the humorous vein, which was passed on from the early years was about the local young lady, a possessor of long red tresses, who was strolling in the area of an early construction project. A men working on the roof of the building had lowered a rope rigged with block and tackle to hoist materials. Thinking that the materials had been attached when he felt a tug, he began

to pull on the rope. Never realizing that the young lady, with the red tresses, had accidentally become caught up by her hoop skirt, he was astonished, in looking over the edge of the roof, to see hoop skirt, girl and red hair all blowing in the breeze a short distance below the roof.

Quickly noting the danger, he reached down and caught the flowing hair and guided the irate young woman to the safety of the roof. She was safe, but unfortunately he was not. She snatched up her skirt and angerily chased him across the roof and down the chimney. For obvious reasons, neither participant in the chase were publically identified.

The preceding was told to me as a factual episode in the history of Palmyra. As such it will remain until such time as the same tale might turn up in the history of some other small town in this great country of ours. Many times these yarns have a habit of settling in many different localities, as many often as we have fun-loving people.

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