

M U S E U M M U S E S
FROM
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
151 EAST MAIN STREET
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133
February 19, 1987

This is a midwinter report of the happenings of your Society since our last edition. First you will notice a difference in this letter. Lucille Walker has been mimeographing our bulletin. Two weeks ago she fell and is now recovering from a broken wrist head lacerations. She is doing fine at her son's home in Erlanger, Ky.

Mr. Al Martoletti and his students at Hillsboro High School Printing Dept. have answered our call for help. We thank them very much.

What we thought would be minor repairs turned out to be major repairs. Three windows have been completely replaced, one broken in a basement window well, one in the office on the first floor and the third in a room we hope to make into a school room of the 1880's., located in the second floor. Lester Wallis did the work on the project.

In case you hadn't heard 1987 is the 200th birthday of the Ordinance of 1787, the document that established our area of the country for development after the original 13 colonies. It is also the 200th birthday of the Constitution of the United States. As a part of this year long celebration the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Governor's Ball on February 28 to honor all the men who have served as Governor of Ohio. Each County who had sent a governor to Columbus or Chillicothe was asked to send a descendent of their governor or a representative. We are sending the Norman Leibreich's as Gov. Allen Trimble from Highland County. We must credit Wesley Roush for sponsoring them. We understand a video will be made of the Ball. We will try to get a copy to show. Thank you, Wesley for your help.

Do you have cabin fever? Do you need to be out and about for a change? Try the Appalachian Fling at Eastgate Mall Feb. 26, 27, 28, and March 1, 1987. Businesses, people, crafts, museums and many interested will display their wares to view or for sale. Those who live in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties are eligible to participate. Your Society is working jointly with Adams Co. Historical Society in a display about the 200th Anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance. We have two six hour per day opening times on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and one on Sunday. Anyone like to help out? Lester and Jean Wallis are in charge. Call them at 393-2388 and say I will help.

The Fling will have demonstrations of basket weaving, spinning, carding and spinning of wool, entertainment by The Peach Mountain Boys and the Frontier Squares. Sat. will have an antique auction and "Let The Moonshine In," dulcimers, quilts, pickin' and singin' and much more. You'll come.

Looking to the coming summer season when we become active we need a general clean up and paintup. We assume everyone will want to help in his own way. We will be calling for help in the following four areas:

- (1) Painting on March 27 & 28 beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- (2) General spring cleaning on Saturday April 4th.
- (3) A salad, sandwiches or a casserole for noon of April 4th for the workers lunch. Please label your containers. Call Deanna Flinn at 393-4193 for further information on this.
- (4) A cash donation toward the purchase of curtains in serious need of replacement. A nne Rhude at 393-1255 or 393-2327 can answer all questions about this. If you have a brush, or a roller, or any other device to assist with any of the above bring it along and enjoy the fun and fellowship of working together.

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March 20, 1987

On this first day of Spring 1987 welcome to our first meeting of this year. It is to be Thursday March 26, 1987 at the Highland House at 8:00 PM. June 13th is the 200th anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. This document has been called the "Bill of Rights" of our country. It predated the Constitution by three months. So our program is to be about the Ordinance of 1787 presented by Jean Wallis and Charles Harsha. We hope it will be a learning as well as an enjoyable experience. Susie Sharp will be our hostess for the evening no doubt ably assisted by her husband Dr. Rb. Sharp.

On February 28, 1987 the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club had their 21st annual Statehood Celebration. At their Statehood Governor's Ball they invited a family representative, if one could be found, or a substitute from the Historical Society of the County where the Governor lived. Norman & Sandra Leibrecht attended from Highland County to represent Governor Allen Trimble. We hear they had a ball. We will invited them to tell about their experiences as Gov. & Mrs. Trimble.

There are two new names to our area you should become acquainted. one is WELCOMAT. This is a Highland County tourism group formed to promote our area to tourist everywhere. Paul Young of Belfast is the President, Rick Schleup of Greenfield is V. Pres., Gretchen Huffman of Hillsboro is Secy. and Toni Price of Rocky Fork Lake area is Treasurer. More later on this.

The other name is SOTA, Southern Ohio Tourism Association. This is a group of several counties in Southern Ohio, like Welcomat, to jointly help each other promote tourism. Hopefully both groups will assist in a growth industry in our area known as Tourism

A look into the future for the Society: Some are already acquainted with a clean up paint up session later this month and in April. Some new curtains are needed with the new windows that Lester Wallis has finished. It will be a general get ready for summer project.

We are planning on putting out a 1988 calendar using pictures from all over the county of historical places. We should have them ready by this summer.

A walking tour of homes is being planned for October. Kim Fairley and Deanna Flinn are co-hostess.

The Board of Trustees met on March 19, 1987. They made the following decisions:

Agreed to meet at least once a quarter.

Supported our Curator in registering items in and out of the Museum for better record keeping. Please check with Virginia if you have any need to borrow an item from the Museum.

Authorized a joint venture with the Festival of Bells Committee to produce a brochure explaining how bells became involved with a festival in Hillsboro, Ohio. Deanna Flinn and Charles Harsha are the committee to do it. The Festival Committee will pay half the cost.

We have received a number of Memorial Gifts in memory of Vernon Fairley, Jr. Vern. was an enthusiastic member of our Society. He will be missed. Thank you, Kim, for designating the Society to receive these gifts. We appreciate it.

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APRIL 20, 1987

Since April has five Thursday's our next meeting will be April 30, 1987 at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland House. David and Lois Williams are going to tell us about the beauties and wonders of our 50th state, Hawaii. They have some great pictures and a wonderful story about the state. I have heard it and can vouch for it.

We thank Jean Wallis for the program last meeting on the Ordinance of 1787. This year is the 200th anniversary of the document that was the forerunner of the Constitution adopted later the same year.

Update on the county tourism group. On Tuesday Apr. 14 they had a tour of parts of Highland County. It started at the 7 Caves. From there it took a northern trip through Greenfield with a bus seat view of Travellers Rest and McClain School. Leesburg was planned on the trip but time ran out so they went directly to Hillsboro. A bus tour of Hillsboro included the Court House, the Highland House, the Historic Section of town both uptown and the East Main, East Walnut areas. Then on to Pioneer Village at Paint Creek Lake for lunch of bean soup and corn bread prepared as it was over an open fire in large kettles.

A business meeting at the Pioneer Village brought out the official name "HIGHLAND COUNTY'S WELCOMAT"

The afternoon trip was a Southern loop from Paint Creek Lake included Ft. Hill, Sinking Spring, and McCoppin's Mill and parts of Rocky Fork Lake. The next meeting will be May 13th at McCoppin's Mill with Jack Hope as the host.

On March 28, 1987 we had a clean up day at the Highland House. Several (20 to 25) provided the muscle and brains to clean up four rooms on the first floor and four rooms on the second floor. The committee made an appeal for donations for a Curtain Fund to purchase new and much needed curtains. They have been ordered and some are already hung as of today. The building smells fresh now instead of a musty odor it has acquired this winter.

Another clean up day is before us on April 25th, Saturday Anyone and everyone is invited to be a part of the fun time. Bring a brown bag for your lunch (be sure there are some groceries in it). If you wish to swap around (my red apple for your yellow one) do it. Everyone had a fun time in March. We hope to do it again.

There is a movement on foot to mark Anderson Road. This was the first road built in the Northwest Territory. It was built to connect Cincinnati and Chillicothe. It extended across Highland County two or three miles North of Hillsboro. State Senator Cooper Snider is sponsoring and urging this road commemoration. While originally called Anderson Road in now has several names. For instance from the Bworn County Highland County line going East it is known as Wise Road. Then it becomes Cramton Rd., Anderson Rd, Welcome Road W., Welcome Rd. East, Evans Rd, Stoney Point Rd, Karnes Rd. and finally Deer Park Rd. Selph Rd. was omitted by mistake. The idea is to have plaques made to mark all these roads as the original Anerson Rd. all the way from Cincinnati to Chillicothe.

See you Saturday April 25th and again on Tuesday April 30th.

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MAY 22, 1987

We meet again, this time on May 28, 1987 at the Highland House at 8:00 P.M. Our program will be presented by Mrs. Darrell Hottle. The history of Hillsboro Hospital before it became Highland District Hospital is her subject. Cathy, being a nurse, can look at the old hospital from the inside out. It is a very good program.

For those who haven't been around the Museum for awhile, we have some surprises for you. When you do come, hopefully at our next meeting, pay particular attention to recently painted rooms, some have been changed with furniture rearranged. We hope to have a school room, vintage of 1880 completed this week. One room has weaving and spinning tools from Joann Young's home. Our Library won't be finished but we have a new file cabinet for which we thank Kim Fairley, and some bookcases and magazine racks we purchased from the Greenfield Library.. We want to especially thank Lester Wallis for his remodeling of the school room. You won't recognize it as a former storeroom. A special thank you goes to Paul Young and the ladies of the HANDS group for setting up the room with Joann's favorite pasttime on display. Your Society is indebted to many through monetary contributions and work putting it together here is a list. We hope we don't miss anyone:

M/M Wesley Roush
Mrs. Dorothy Odland
Mrs. Mary K. Sheplar
M/M Walter Stanforth
M/M Lester Wallis

Mrs. Jean Christian
Mrs. Deanna Flinn
M/M Charles Harsha
Mrs. Louise Hapner
Mrs. Margaret Ludwick
Mrs. Nellie Finley
Sandy Harsha
Dewey Holsinger
Mark Pettyjohn
Miss Julie Bare
Mrs. Kim Fairley
John Glaze
Janine Holt
Mrs. Susie Sharp
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Mrs. Betty Saum
Miss Carline Phillips
Mrs. Hattie Roads
Mrs. Pat Pierce
Mrs. Eleanor Doty
Mrs. Virginia Bare
M/M Thomas Rhude
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Mrs. Vivian Hiestand
M/M Rennick Rittenhouse
Mrs. Eleanor Saur
M/M S. R. Gordon
M/M John R. Evans
Merchants National Bank
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M/M Lowell Chambers
M/M Ralph Kelch
M/M Henry Head
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Mrs. Pam Nickell
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M/M Roger Berry
Lyle DeVoss
Mrs. Jackie Hedges
M/M Paul Burch
M/M Albert Fling
Farmers & Traders National Bank

M/M Harry Bennett
M/M Robert Gamble
M/M Edgar Postle
Mrs. Adeline Hartman
M/M Joe Hiestand
M/M R. V. Swisshelm
Judge & Mrs. Richard Davis
M/M Frank Vergamini
M/M Harold Hottle

and a special thanks to Mrs. Anne Rhude and Mrs. Deanna Flinn
who chaired the project. The new curtains are wonderful.

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June 15, 1987

Our next meeting is a field trip to McCoppin's Mill where your host, Jack Hope will explain the workings of an old flour mill he is restoring to a useful life. It will be held on Thursday June 25, 1987 at 7:30 P.M.. Please note the early hour. It is to allow for extra daylight for the tour.

In order to pool rides meet at the Highland House ready to go by 7:00 P.M. For those who need a ride there will be plenty of cars going.

Directions for those who need a map we suggest the following route: Take State Route 124 to North Shore Drive. Turn left onto North Shore drive, pass the airport, Rocky Fork Lake headquarters, North Shore beech area to the end, which is State Route 753. Turn right on 753 for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the Y, take the right turn on McCoppin's Mill Rd. Follow this road until you arrive at the mill. It is plainly marked. Parking is available behind the mill.

We thank Judge Darrell Hottle for filling in at our last meeting when his wife, Kathy, took down with a cold. He gave us the story of early Methodist beginnings in Highland County.

FOR SALE: One headboard for a full sized bed. In good condition. Can be seen at the Highland House. Call Virginia Bare, our curator, for further details at 393 4732. Price is \$45.00.

We-knew-it-would-happen department. We missed Vera Cline in the list of donors for the Curtain Fund. Sorry, Vera, we didn't do it on purpose.

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

Men do not stumble over mountains, but over molehills.

Confucius

Progress Report: All rooms are completely finished with painting, rearranging, new curtains in place except the new school room. This we hope to be completed by Festival of Bells time

The northwest bedroom on the second floor now has Joan Young's spinning and weaving items in place. The HANDS group will be on duty when the Festival is in progress demonstrating how it used to be done.

The Festival of the Bells will be held in Hillsboro on July 3, 4, and 5. The Museum will be open all three days from noon until six o'clock. The ladies of the Hillsboro Womans Club will be at the Museum on the 4th. The other two days we have it to do ourselves. So if you get a call we hope you will respond with a Yes.

Your President attended a Brass Tacks Workshop last week put on by the Ohio Historical Society. It was on the proper way to preserve photographs, how to catalogue them and keep track of them. We have many photographs, unmarked, and unnamed. Many of these were taken by Birdie Ayres Studio in the 1930's and 1940's.

The enclosed letter announces the end of our financial year on June 30, 1987 and the beginning of a new year when dues are due. It is coming first class mail to draw your attention and for better postal service, we hope.

The Board of Directors will meet at the Highland House on Thursday June 18, 1987 for their regular quarterly meeting. It will be at 8:00 P. M.

America has become so tense and nervous it has been years since I've seen anyone asleep in church - and that is a sad situation.

Norman Vincent Peale

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July 24, 1987

The next meeting of the Society is set for July 30, 1987. It will be held at the Episcopal Church Parish House at 8:00 P. M. The program will be presented by Norman & Sandra Leibreich. They attended the celebration of Statehood Day in February as our representative for Governor Trimble. This was held at Chillicothe, the first capital of Ohio. This is the bicentennial year so it was made a very special occasion. We will hear all about it on July 30th.

It is also time for the election of five Directors for a three year term. The class of 1987 Directors is:

Mrs. Robert Sharp
Leland Pennington
Dr. William Lukens
Charles M. Harsha
Mrs. Vernon Fairley, Jr.

This is the class in this years election. A Nominating Committee composed of Wesley Roush, Walter Stanforth & Mrs. Tom Rhude will make recommendations. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The members of the Board held over are:

Class of 1988
Mrs. Julius Bare
Ernest Williamson
Mrs. Duvall Saum
Wesley Roush.
Class of 1989:
Mrs. Lester Wallis
Sandy Harsha
Walter Stanforth
Mrs. Richard Flim
Mrs. Tom Rhude.

Following the election of the new directors the Board elects the Society's officers from among their group. If there any questions bring them to the meeting for an answer.

The Festival of the Bells for 1987 is now history. It served us very well financially. We grossed almost \$16,000.00. There was a lot of work to it. The officers, committee chairpeople and committes express their thanks for all who contributed.

We had some new displays this year. Three were on our back yard, a basket maker, a blacksmith, and a builder of log houses. New displays in the Museum were Joann Young's weaving and spinning room, the new school room, the new children's room and the general painting and new curtains in the building.

Your Society and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce recently published a brochure on the Festival of the Bells showing how how the Festival was named and a history of the C. S. Bell Co. It is surprising at the distant points people find a C.S.Bell, Hillsboro, Ohio. Recent inquiries have come from Chester, Penna., and Winnepeg Manatoba, Canada. A month ago it was Clarksburg, W. Va. Last summer it was Agassiz, Britich Columbia, Canada and Henrietta, Texas. With the new brochure these inquiries can be answered quickly.

We thank those that have sent in their annual dues. This is an important item of income for the Society to pay our bills. We urge those who have not paid to do so. A single membership is \$5.00, a family membership is \$8.00. A life membership is \$100. per person.

Our financial picture is better at the end of the 1987 fiscal year ending June 30th than it was last year. The total income for 1986 was \$9927.04 and for 1987 \$13,671.14. Expenses also increased for the year. 1986 expenses were \$4856.40 and 1987 expenses were \$8496.01. The largest income was from dividends and interest on monies left to the Society and invested. We are enjoying the results of some long range planning of the early founders of the society.

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Aug. 18, 1987

Our next meeting of the Historical Society will be August 27, 1987 at the Leesburg Federal Savings & Loan office in Leesburg, Ohio. It will be called to order at 8:00 P.M. Arthur Milner will present the program on the early history of Leesburg. We understand there will be some choice bits from Milner family history. It will be an enlightening and entertaining evening.

Host and hostess for the evening will be Art & Helen Milner, Betty Taylor, and Vince & Delmise Fairley.

Anyone needing a ride to Leesburg? Be at the Highland House in Hillsboro before 7:30 P. M. and we will share a ride to Leesburg.

CORRECTION: In our last letter it was stated we made so-o-o-o much money on the Festival of Bells. Actually it should have read \$1,600.00. It just shows you a zero amounts to more than nothing.

Also missing was a thank you for Jack Hope for a fine program at McCoppin's Mill for our June meeting. We all considered it outstanding. Thank you so much, Jack.

On Tuesday July 28, 1987 Dr. John Trump of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, had a class at the Museum to learn about the early history of Highland County and tour the Museum. He commented that we have one of the best organized museums he has visited. He said every room had a theme that was neat and orderly. Thought you should know what others say about us.

Trustees elected for a three year term at our July meeting are: Kim Fairley, Susie Sharp, Bill Lukens, Pat Pierce and Charles Harsha. Due to the heat and the late hour officers for the coming year are yet to be elected.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY: It is the opinion of the writer that the Society is approaching a cross road. In the 22 y years we have owned the Highland House it has developed into a fine museum of the Highland County history. This last May & June the interior was upgraded, curtains purchased to enhance it and a school room was added, all to a very fine finished look. Now, by Board action, next month the Jot-Em-Down Country store will come down to make way for an assembly room. Both are needed but there is no room.

Kenneth Ludwick has many of the books, instruments, furniture and memorabilia of his grandfather, Dr. Robert Pratt, a country doctor who practiced many years in Pricetown and later Hillsboro. Ken has offered these to the Society on the condition that they be out where people can see them.

We should have an area devoted to the honor of the C. S. Bell Co. Since the Festival now seems to be a going concern it becomes all the more important to show visitors the background and history of the bells of Hillsboro.

There are other areas of development: An art gallery for Highland County artists to display. A library of important books about Highland County history.

Now for some solutions. It is the intent here for you as a member of the Society to respond with your ideas.

1. Move around and/or completely eliminate some displays.
2. Build an addition on to the present Highland House.
3. There is a house nearby the Highland House available to purchase that could a second building to our Museum.

We expect to hear your opinion about it.

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Sept. 15, 1987

The next meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be at the Highland House on September 24, 1987 at 8:00 P.M. At our last meeting a committee was formed to explore our future possibilities. This was a result of the editorial in the last bulletin. The committee is: John Glaze, Chm., Kim Fairley, Jean Christian, and Jean Wallis. They are to give us a report at our next meeting. There have been a number of comments from you. So come and be a part of the verbal discussion.

For a program we ask each one bring one of your favorite antiques, or items of yours that has an especially interesting history and we will have a show and tell session. We haven't had such a program for several years. You certainly have acquired items of interest to tell.

The Board of Trustees met Sept. 9th for their regular quarterly meeting. Officers for the coming year were re-elected. Painting the outside trim of the Highland House was authorized. Depending on the weather the starting time for the painting will be around Oct. 1st. The year end financial report was distributed to those who had not received their copy. The purchase of a rug was put in the hands of a committee for further study. The cleaning of another rug was authorized. A Christmas Open House will be held on Dec. 13, 1987 similar to those we have had. Two other groups plan on a Christmas party at the Highland House before the 13th. A coordinated effort on decorations hopefully can be implemented. Ann Rhude is Chairperson for this event. Others will be asked to help her. The House Tour originally scheduled for Oct. 11, 1987 has been cancelled. We find a great hesitancy of people to open their homes for this kind of public exposure. This is our second try at setting it up with the same result both times.

On Sept. 10th the Southern Ohio Geneologic Society met at the Highland House for a ceremony presenting Certificates to descendants of those who were listed on the 1807 list of inhabitants of Highland County. While 237 certificates were presented not all were in attendance. But there was a room full of people from many places, some quite a distance from Hillsboro. Judge Richard Davis gave a few words from his office, The Probate Court. He presented the Certificates. Jean Wallis was in charge of the program.

We welcome the Geneological Society and trust we can share our mutual concern, the history of Highland County and southern Ohio geneology. Mr. Adrian Roberts is the President. He presented the Historical Society a copy of the Highland County Court records published by David and Jane McBride. Thank you very much.

Our latest project is the 1988 calendar of historical pictures from all over the county. Some are old pictures, such as the Octagonal House in Sinking Spring, and some are new pictures of old areas, such as the old Quaker Church and Fairfield Cemetery at Leesburg. One picture for each month. The calendar sells for \$5.00. Gossett's in Greenfield and the News Reader in Hillsboro have them as well officers of the Society and at the Highland House on Sunday afternoons.

For those who have not paid their dues for the current year, they are due and have been due since July 1st. At this time we don't have sufficient membership to have the advantage of bulk mailing rates. Help! Help! Help! \$5.00 a single \$8.00 a couple.

Our Country Store has been discontinued. We now have our meeting room back in operation. Come and share a show and tell on the 24th.

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F R O M
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Oct. 23, 1987

Our regular meeting originally planned for October 29, 1987 has been cancelled. The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will be on stage at the High School Gymnasium. We thought that a better program than we could put together. We will be looking for you at the High School on the 29th.

Your Society will still be active. On Nov. 7th and 8th we will participate in the Artisan Folk Fair at Leesburg's Fairfield High School. It was founded as a means of enabling the finest artisans to express their artistic excellence in the folk art tradition. It is free and you can purchase items made by the crafts artisans. Food is also available. Our Society will be there to help celebrate the 200th birthday of the Ordinance of 1787 and the Constitution. Come and sign your name on the Constitution.

1988 calendars showing historical buildings and area of Highland County are now available at Gossett's in Greenfield, The News-Reader in Hillsboro and McCoppin's Mill. They will be available at the Leesburg Festival. Pictures of present and former buildings make the calendar a recollection of what it used to be in Highland County. The cost is \$5.00. We hope this will become an annual project.

We received a telephone call recently from Caspar, Wyoming inquiring about Caspar Collins. Mr. Dennis Chapman from the Historical Society in Caspar will be in Hillsboro on November 4, 1987 looking us over for any information he can use to enhance their museum in Caspar.

We responded to another call from Oklahoma inquiring about a bell someone had dig out of a trash pile labelled C. S. Bell, Hillsboro, Ohio. That was call number 4 this year about one of the bells from Hillsboro.

On Oct. 11th several members assisted Jack Hope with his Open House at McCoppin's Mill. There was a good response from folks far and near. In addition to Jack there was Lester and Jean Wallis, Charlie and Toni Price, Pat Pierce AND Charles Harsha.

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1987 a Christmas Open House will be held at the Highland House. Ann Rhude is chairperson in charge. Plans are already made for a fine Christmas celebration. Our last Christmas party was three years ago. Everyone come and enjoy.

The Board of Directors will hold their quarterly meeting on November 19th, Thursday evening, at Gable House Antiques. Final plans for the Open House will be on the agenda.

The Southern Ohio Genealogy Society and the DAR have engaged the Highland House for their Christmas meetings prior to Dec. 13.

At our last meeting the committee that was formed to explore expansion ideas recommended not to purchase the house nearby that was available. Their recommendation was accepted by vote.

We have been offered a log house that can be placed in our yard along East Street. The house is in fairly good condition except for the logs that were on the ground. They would have to be replaced. Our Jot-em-down store could be placed there. It would be made into an 1800 home. It could be a display of some kind. The cost of the cabin is \$2,000.00 plus the cost of setting it up on our lot. What do you think about it?

We apologize for a tardy bulletin. It is past time to put this to press.