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FEBRUARY 14

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Ever wonder
why we celebrate
Valentine's Day?

Visit the temporary
exhibit at Legler Barn Museum
to find out.

Sharon Hammontree has
put together an interesting
exhibit of historical facts and
objects. See it today!



January General Membership Meeting

January 25

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Lenexa United Methodist Church
9138 Caenen Lake Rd.

Our program will open with a brief presentation by Jane Harland on CPR techniques. Jane offers these free demonstrations as a public service.

The historical portion will be a Kansas Day program.

Refreshments will be served following the program. As always, friends and neighbors are welcome.

Future meeting date: The March meeting will be on the 22nd.

From the President's Corner

by Jim Spait

The new year and the real new millennium have brought profound changes to the Lenexa Historical Society. As of January 1, operation of the Legler Barn Museum has been transferred to the City of Lenexa. This means that Peggy, Jim, and Beryl are no longer our employees. On behalf of the Society, I thank them for their service to LHS and wish them the best as they begin their new assignments. (According to our agreement with the City, they will continue to provide a few hours' service to us, as the need arises.)

Now that we are no longer responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Barn, the Board of Directors has decided to make our new project the restoration of the Caboose and the establishment of an endowment fund. New board member Rick Hoffman has agreed to work on the endowment fund plans. One of the ideas to raise funds is the creation of the Gandy Dancers Ball. More information will be forthcoming at our upcoming meetings.

The new arrangement with the City creates a challenge for us to find a new focus for LHS. For the past several years, since its founding, LHS has focused on the Barn. Your ideas are welcomed for suggestions about our future direction.

I hope to see you at an LHS event in the near future.

LHS News

Historical Slide Presentation

Katie Evans is happy to come to your group's meeting and give a slide presentation on the history of Lenexa. The slide portion takes 20 minutes, but if you have time for some anecdotes thrown in, it can take about 30.

Katie is available during the day or evening. If your sorority, club, civic or church group is looking for a free program, call Katie at 913-268-4606.

New Book

Sun Publications has recently released a new book entitled "Johnson County: Pictures from the Past." This book will be of special interest to LHS members because there are many pictures of early life in Lenexa. Acknowledgement is made to the Lenexa Historical Society and Beryl Hennigh.

Restoration of the Caboose

The Board has recognized the need to restore the Caboose which is anchored on tracks adjacent to the Depot. The Northern Pacific Caboose is more than 35 years old and carried a brakeman and conductor until cabooses were retired in 1981.

Both children and adults ask to go through the caboose. When restored, it would become a favorite attraction. Rick Hoffman, LHS Board member, is heading a drive to solicit funds and labor to restore the caboose and make it accessible to the public.

When Moving, Let Us Know

When you move, please call Katie Evans at 268-4606 so your address can be updated on our automated system. We waste postage when we send things to your old address and it is returned to us.

We need the new addresses of the following members: Walt and Jeannie Westmoreland, Jean

Capper, Tom Williams, and Robert and Nancy McConnell. If you know these folks, please call us with their new addresses, or ask them to call us. Thanks!

Board Election

At the November General Membership Meeting, Johnna Lingle and Rick Hoffman were elected to the Board. See the box at lower left on this page for the new officers, who were elected at the January Board meeting.

2000 Telephone Committee

We want to express our appreciation to the ladies who served on the Telephone Committee last year. They reminded us about our membership meetings and helped us to stay in touch. We thank the following for their friendly calls: Eleanor Boley, Roberta Bridges, Mildred Hunt, Ernestine Johnson, Mary Jo Jones, Carolyn Keech, Joan Markman, Jane Schmidt, Jean Seifert, and Pat White.

There is a need for several new callers this year. If anyone wants to volunteer, please call Mary Kay Smith, 888-0144.

Volunteer Hall of Fame

In November of last year, Mayor Joan Bowman inducted 33 new members into the Lenexa Hall of Fame. Of those 33, the following are LHS members: Betty Baker, Bill Baker, Alan Boley, Celina Bourquin, Dorothy Haskin, Sam Haskin, and Norman Keech.

New members were chosen by Mayor Joan Bowman. Almost 70 nominations were received. The Hall of Fame recognizes those who live and/or work in Lenexa who have made a difference in the community through volunteering.

Inductees received a framed certificate and a miniature key to the city at a ceremony at City Hall. Their names will also be inscribed on a plaque at City Hall.

Congratulations to all inductees, but most especially to our LHS members who do so much for us, and other organizations. Thank you for the time and effort you so willingly give!

Need to Call an Officer/Board Member?

Pres. Jim Spait	631-2502
Pres.-elect Bob Lillie	888-1476
Vice Pres. Mary Kay Smith	888-0144
Sec. Walt McKenzie	888-0666
Treas. Norman Keech	648-0438
Rick Hoffman	894-0279
Johnna Lingle	268-8468
Legler Barn Museum	492-0038

Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

Homesteader, Single	___ \$20 (Annual)	Corporate Memberships	
Homesteader, Family	___ \$30 (Annual)	Lenexa Station Agent	___ \$100 (Annual)
Spinach Farmer, Life	___ \$200-249 (Life)	Stonemason	___ \$1000 (Life)
Legler Barn Builder	___ \$250-499 (Annual)	Octave Chanute Society	___ \$2,500 (Annual and up)
Na-Nex-Se	___ \$500-749 (Annual)		
Chief Blackhoof's Tribe	___ \$750 and up (Annual)		

Name(s) _____

Authorized person, if corporation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

Membership dues for 2001 are now due. For inclusion in the 2001-2002 membership directory, dues must be paid by February 1. You can bring them to the January membership meeting, drop them by the Barn, or mail to LHS, 14907 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215-4135. Please make checks payable to Lenexa Historical Society. THANK YOU!

Clarence Schweiger House is Razed

The Schweiger House on the southeast corner of 87th Street and Pflumm was razed in late December 2000. The pretty stone and brick two-story house had stood there since 1933, when Clarence and Theresa built it on their dairy farm.

Clarence was born in 1904 in the white farm house on the northwest corner of 87th and Pflumm. It was destroyed when 87th was widened to a four-lane street in 1984. The silo and barns followed soon after.

In 1931, Clarence bought the quarter section (160 acres) west of Pflumm between 79th and 83rd. The dairy farm he was later to establish was on this land. In addition, he bought 60 acres between 83rd and 87th. Clarence and Theresa operated the Crystal Springs Farm Dairy until selling it in 1962.

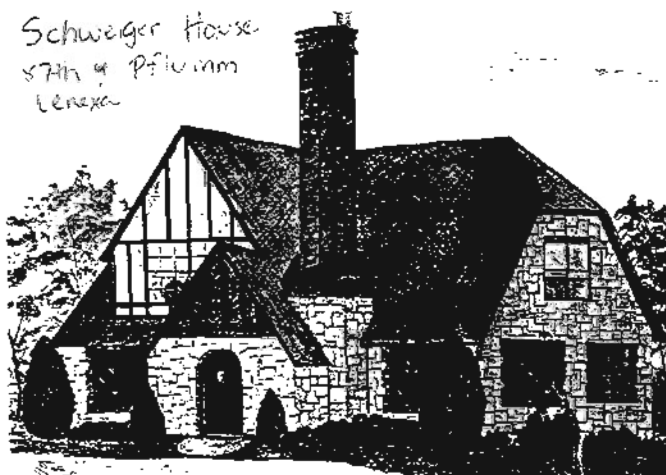
The Schweigers built their four-bedroom house out of Lenexa stone. The beautiful stone fireplace in the living room certainly gave the stone mason his exercise. He had to cut the stones in the walk-out basement, then carry them upstairs.

Ten children were raised in the snug stone house: Joseph, Helen, Tom, Barbara, Carl, Mary, Clarence, Dorothy, Bernard, and Joan.

After selling the dairy, Clarence and Theresa kept the stone house and four acres. When development encroached and 87th Street became too noisy, they built

another house at 13507 W. 82nd Street in 1985.

An interesting story about John Schweiger, Clarence's dad: When John was clearing brush on his land, he was surprised to come upon a small shack near the spring that ran on the property. It was occupied by a bearded, balding man in his 50s who gave his name as only "Old Dad." John allowed him to stay, and Old Dad sometimes worked on the farm.



Temporary Exhibit Schedule for 2001

January 6—February 28

Be Mine: Valentine s and Their History

March 10—May 30

Coal Mining in the Kansas City Area

June 16—August 6

Amelia Earhart: Taking Flight in Kansas

This exhibit explores her life from childhood to her disappearance on July 2, 1937. Produced by the Kansas State Historical Society.

August 18—October 25

Belgians and Spinach History in Lenexa

November 3—December 23

Capturing the Times: Photographs of the Farm Security Administration, 1936-1941

Between 1936 and 1942, the federal government employed photographers to create a visual record of the Great Depression. These remarkable photographs go far beyond public relations shots. Powerful images tell the stories of Americans as they worked toward recovering from the Depression. The exhibit features rarely seen FSA photographs taken in Kansas, including Dust Bowl scenes, images of striking miners, farm auctions, and 4-H Club fairs.

Lenexa Trivia Quiz

by Walt McKenzie

1. The Chisholm Trail started in Texas and ended up in what Kansas town?

- a. Salina
- b. Lenexa
- c. Abilene
- d. Dodge City



2. The man credited as the founder of basketball is buried in what Kansas town?

- a. Leavenworth
- b. Lawrence
- c. Manhattan
- d. Emporia



3. This man was the Republican candidate for the presidency in 1936.

- a. William Allen White
- b. Charles Curtis
- c. Alf Landon
- d. Dr. William Menninger



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Answers to Lenexa Trivia Quiz

- 3. c
- 2. b
- 1. c