

NEWSLETTER

PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February Meeting of the PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be held at 2 P.M. on Saturday February 7, 1981 in the Palmyra Village Hall. The speaker will be MINGO who will speak on " The Use Of Herbs For Health & Bugs ". You are cordially invited to attend.

OUR "HERITAGE" HOME

The FISK CARLIN HOUSE, home of the Palmyra Historical Society, stands on Lot 4 and part of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Original Powers Plat as surveyed by John Fish in 1843, 1847 & 1850. Originally Lots 5 & 6 were also a part of the land parcel.

Judging by the value of the property as indicated on the abstract of title, the house was probably built by Monroe McKenzie in the late 1840's. It is of grout or poured concrete structure, which was popular in limited areas in the 1840's. Other similar grout houses are found in Milton, Wisconsin. There is one additional grout house in Palmyra, the Stanley Gerlach home at 312 Main Street.

It is our hope that the FISK CARLIN HOUSE will be added to the NATIONAL REGISTER during this coming year.

WE ARE COVERED

The ELECTROLARM SYSTEM has been installed in the FISK CARLIN HOUSE. There were some problems with the installation, but the company has rectified the inadequacies and did a good job in concealing the wires, while keeping damage to walls and doors to a minimum. The total cost of the system was \$1105.50 plus a yearly monitoring cost of \$144.00. We feel that our possessions and property are well protected.

MILL SCHOOL

The Board of Directors, at its December meeting voted to drop plans for restoring the Mill School as an outdoor museum. This had been in the long range plan in cooperation with the DNR. The group felt that from a physical and financial standpoint we have all that we can handle with the restoration of the Carlin House.

Plans are being formulated to start restoration of part of the house and to erect fence around the property as soon as weather permits. There is considerable work which must be done on the outside of the building and donation of skills would be greatly appreciated.

A GENEROUS RESPONSE

The Board of Directors is most appreciative of the generous response to our fall drive for new members & donors. 1981 membership has been extended to all new members of the late fall drive. With the generous donation of the house by Fisk Carlin and the continued financial support of members and donors, the Board pledges to make every dollar work overtime in providing the community with a focal point in the preservation of its precious heritage.

1981 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE. PLEASE SEND \$5 / SINGLE OR \$8 / COUPLE TO MRS. DOROTHY JOHNSON, PALMYRA, WI 53156.

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

_____ RENEWED MEMBERSHIP

_____ NEW MEMBERSHIP

_____ DONATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

THANKS