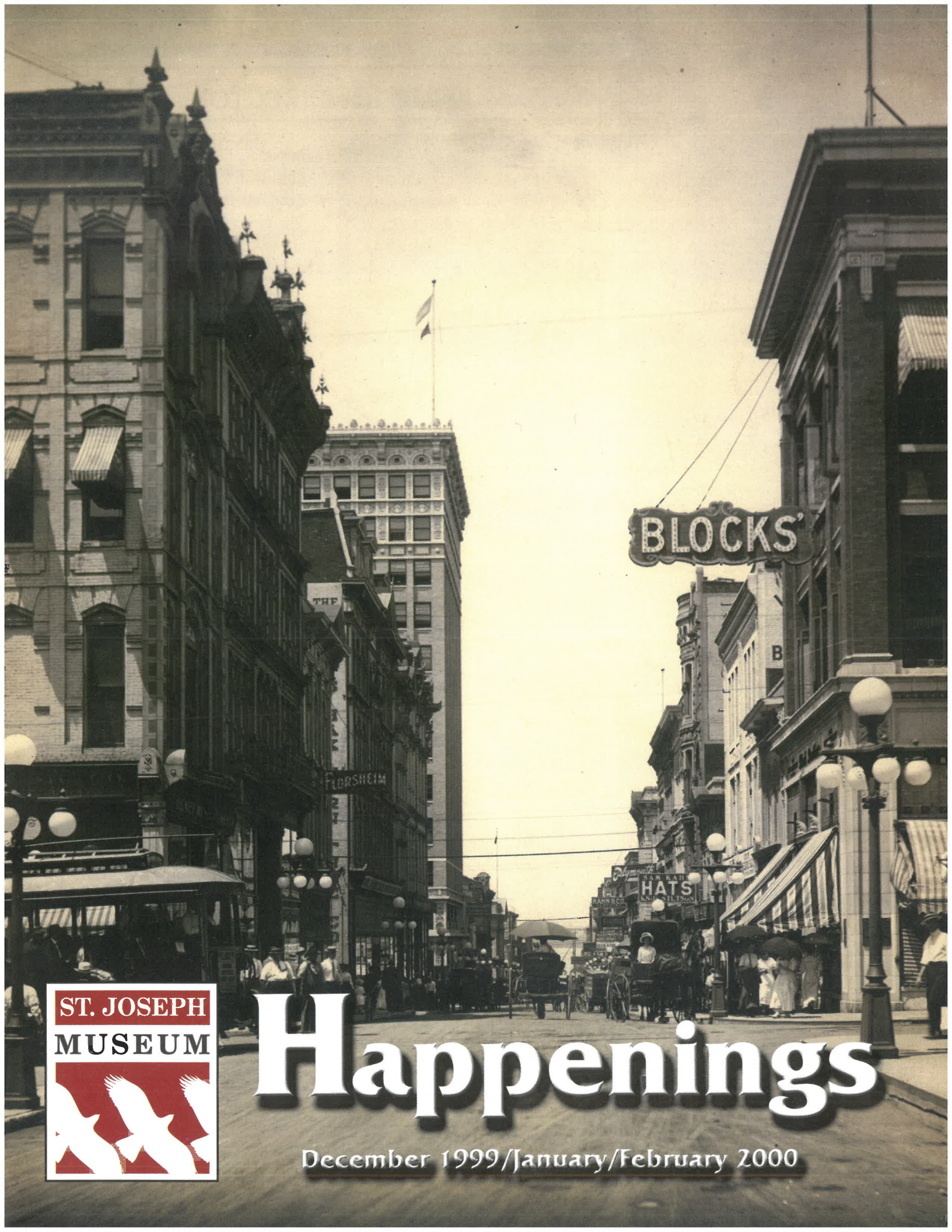


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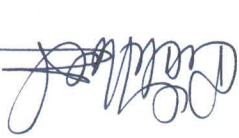
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FROM the DIRECTOR

ing ducts be 7- or 9-inch aluminum with 2 inches of hard board insulation around the perimeter. The cost of the aluminum is about 4 times that of galvanized metal. Aluminum was specified by the engineer to avoid rusting caused by condensation within the pipes due to the temperature differential between the environment and the cooling air. In the attic, that differential can be as high as 80 degrees.

Another major modification was the addition of two energy recovery units (ERUs) which supply 100% fresh air to the indoor mechanical units of the heat pumps. The ERUs substantially improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the system. They added another \$26,000 to the cost. The addition of those two modifications, plus the increase in material and labor since the proposals were first obtained, accounts for the \$60,000 increase over the original estimate.

The contract has been let with St. Joseph Plumbing and Heating & Schuske as a sub doing the duct work. Estimated time of completion is early June and hopefully sooner. At the time of the next *Happenings*, we will really be in the thick of things.



Since my *Happenings* article three months ago, a lot has happened. There are three major items I wish to write about:

1) We were extremely pleased to be notified that the museum was remembered in the will of Olive Martin. Both Olive and her husband Cleo were long time supporters of the museum—Cleo served as a trustee until his death and Olive was a volunteer. Their names have been added to the bronze donor panel in the front hall. We are very grateful to have known and worked with them and for the gift they left us.

2) The St. Joseph Museum has received its third accreditation. Accreditation is granted by the American Association of Museums and signifies the highest recognition a museum can be given. The St. Joseph Museum was among the first 64 museums to be accredited in 1971, and we have retained our accreditation since that time. Only about 6% of all the museums in the country have received accreditation. I am very pleased by this honor because it recognizes the hard work and dedication of the trustees, staff, and members.

3) The third major item is an update on the air conditioning. It is happening. However, the engineering firm recommended several modifications to the proposed system that increased the cost of the system considerably. One of the modifications was that all main cooling

LEWIS and CLARK NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

St. Joseph Museum staff members are planning one of the two field trips to be held as part of the planning workshop of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council. About 300 people are expected to attend the meeting in Kansas City. The workshop, "All Prepared for Action - Realizing the Vision," includes Dr. Stephen Ambrose as the featured speaker. A gala celebration of the recent designation of the Millennium Lewis and Clark Historic Trail is also planned.

One field trip will head toward Fort Osage, and one will go north along the Missouri River from Leavenworth to St. Joseph. Marielyn Taylor and Jackie Lewin are planning the tour route, writing the tour information, and serving as narrators on the northern tour. The field trip will include a ride down river from St. Joseph to Atchison on the Spirit of St. Joseph.

Both Marielyn and Jackie are members of the River Bend Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation, and Jackie is serving as vice-president of the chapter. The chapter and workshop registration are open to all interested people.

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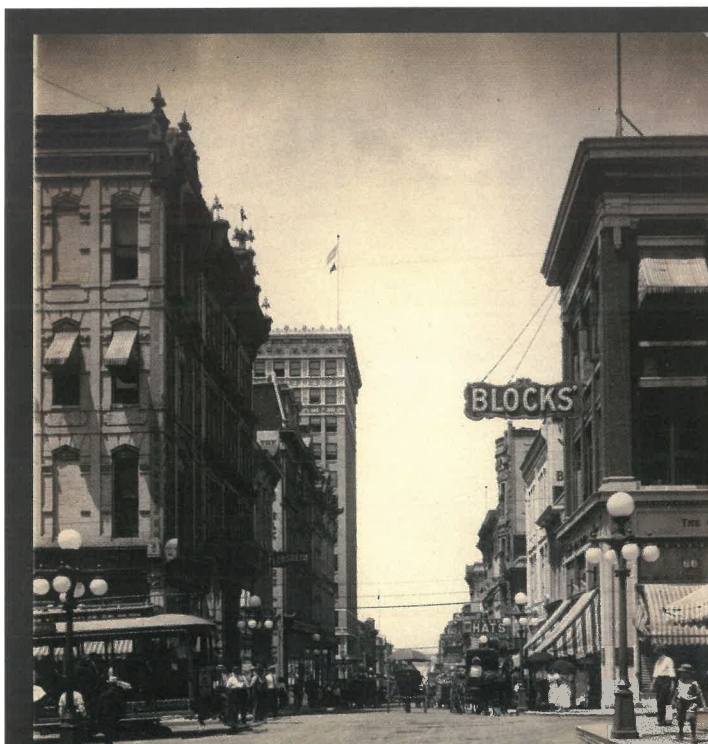
PHOTO COLLECTIONS

Sixth and Felix Streets looking west around noon on a July day in either 1911 or 1912

It is noon because the shadows are almost directly north. The season is summer because the ladies are wearing white, and ladies wore white only between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Also, close observation with a magnifying glass shows that Lehman Brothers Dry Goods (two doors west of Blocks') is advertising a "July Clearance Sale" on a white banner above the entrance to the business.

Again using a magnifying glass, one can read some of the names on the windows of the Corby Building, the 12-story structure at the southwest corner of Fifth and Felix. Charles H. Mayer, Lawyer, shows up on the corner window on the ninth floor. According to city directories, Attorney Charles H. Mayer's office was in the German American Bank building in 1910 and in the Corby building in 1911 and 1912. Charles H. Mayer moved to the Buchanan County Courthouse in 1913 when he became judge of Circuit Court #2.

Horses and buggies, a trolley, and a bicycle are visible in the scene, but there are no cars. (The bicycle, visible on the cover picture, is parked on the south side of the street under the Florsheim sign.) Henry Ford did not develop an assembly production line until 1913. After that date, cars quickly began to dominate the transportation scene in St. Joseph.



Left: Cover photo of Sixth and Felix.



Below: View of Sixth and Felix Streets looking west taken in 1999. Note the extra two floors on the Corby Building. They were added in 1917 to house the St. Joseph Grain Exchange.

The 1912 city directory lists the various businesses that were along Felix.

South side west from Sixth Street: North side west from Sixth Street:

Olney Music Company	Blocks'
Martin Barnes Dry Goods co.	Jno. Lawrence Millinery
O'Brien-Kiley Shoe Co.	Lehman Bros. Dry Goods
Louis Hax Furniture Co.	Sam Kahn Hats
Townsend & Wyatt Dry Goods Co.	Plymouth

People have been listening to recorded music for more than one-hundred years. Those first recordings, made in the late 1880s, were on cylinders that were played on gramophones that had to be wound by hand. The model shown here was called the Edison Standard Phonograph. Gramophones were not only used in homes, but also for larger groups who wanted to listen to a musical performance or hear a noted person's voice. The audience would have to listen carefully since there was no volume control and the sound was amplified only by the horn. Each cylinder played from two to four minutes.



A similar gramophone with horn and cylinder are in the museum's temporary exhibit, "Gifts of a Century Ago." The gramophone, horn, and cylinder were donated by Mrs. O.B. Campbell in 1960. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell lived at 2001 Francis. Dr. Campbell was a well known abdominal surgeon in St. Joseph at the turn-of-the-century (19th to 20th).

ARTIFACT DONATIONS SOUGHT

With the arrival of the year 2000, the St. Joseph Museum staff would like to reaffirm their role in collecting, preserving, and interpreting our community's history. Recently, the museum acquired additional storage, and more exhibit space will be added in the coming years. The result is that the museum must start adding to its collection now. Do you have any items you could donate to the St. Joseph Museum? Needed are any items representative of life in the past. Do you remember what was commonly used, in style, or even a fad from the early 1900s? Or do you have any remembrance of an event in our area's history? Those are the types of items and information we are seeking.

The St. Joseph Museum's mission is to uphold the trust and safeguard St. Joseph's past for future generations. All artifacts will receive professional care and interpretation to ensure that the coming generations will enjoy them. As the city museum and keeper of tangible items from St. Joseph's past, the museum's future is secure and would be an excellent home for your historical items.

To donate an item, contact Carol Wills, Curator of Collections. She will assess the condition of the item



THANK YOU
MISS BANKS



Mary Elizabeth Banks stands by the 18th century Scandinavian clock she recently donated to the museum in memory of her father, Uhel Banks.

EVENTS

Christmas 1899

Thursday, December 2, 1999, almost 500 people turned out for our annual holiday event. This year's theme was Christmas 1899. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, carriage rides, carolers, and other holiday activities despite the warm temperature outside. The unseasonal weather didn't keep Santa and Mrs. Claus away either. They were on hand to listen to hundreds of Christmas wishes. Children were delighted when they received granola bars, compliments of Quaker Oats, and story books donated by the St. Joseph Youth Alliance.

Two special exhibits were opened for the event. A collection of gemstones from jewelry manufacturer Ernest Pollock were displayed in the main hallway of the first floor. The second exhibit shows various gifts that might have been given at the turn-of-the-century.

The main attraction of the evening was the 1899 living Christmas scene in the Victorian Room. Robbie Sipes, curator of exhibits, and his family portrayed how Christmas Eve would have been celebrated 100 years ago. Everyone attending received a dated, personalized ornament to commemorate the evening.



Above: A family enjoys the horse drawn carriage rides at Christmas 1899.



Left: L. to R.: Jim Lehr and Rich Nolf welcome visitors to Christmas 1899.

Thank you to the following businesses who help keep this event free to the public;

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STUDENTS CELEBRATE
THE CENTURY

The Celebrate the Century school program has been extremely well received in St. Joseph classrooms. All available openings were filled. Fourth graders used their imaginations to go back in time to New Year's Eve 1899. They had fun learning what life was like, what clothes were in style, and what music was popular. Students were encouraged to express their opinions on what life in the next century might be like. Celebrate the Century is a dynamic 90-minute program that actively involves students through the use of songs, dances, games, and visual aids.



Musician Jason Riley asks St. Francis students if they know what the most popular song of 1900 was. None of them guessed the "Maple Leaf Rag."

November, December, and January at the
St. Joseph Museum

3053 Visitors through the front door
949 Adults reached through programs
323 Children reached through programs
23,515 Hits on the Website

Speakers Bureau/Programs

December

6 Christmas
7 Christmas
22 End of the Century
30 End of the Century
Saxton Riverside Care Center
Cub Scouts
Beverly Manor
The Fountains

January

6 Miss Hyogo
10 Civil War in St. Joseph
11 Native American
25 Pony Express
Saxton Riverside Care Center
Helen Davis School
McAuliffe School, Lenexa, Kansas
Saxton Riverside Care Center

February

7 Miss Hyogo
17 Migrate/Hibernata/
Resident
St. Paul Lutheran

February

1 Ellison
2 Parkway
8 Parkway
9 Pickett
16 St. Patrick's
22 Lake Contrary
23 Pershing

January

11 Children First
12 Edison
18 St. Francis
19 Edison
25 St. Francis
26 Ellison

December

1 Avenue City
2 St. Joseph Christian
7 St. Paul Lutheran
8 Coleman
14 Cathedral
15 Coleman

Celebrate the Century

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February 21	Presidents' Day	Museum open 1 to 5 p.m.
February 27	<i>Hometown Beer</i> booksigning	2 to 4 p.m.
March 4	Volkswalk Kickoff	9 a.m.
March 4	The Sprit of Pioneer Women	2 p.m.
March 19	80 Years of Archaeology – Mett Shippee Remembered	2 to 4 p.m.
April 29	Children's Day	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more infomation call the St. Joseph Museum at 232-8471.

Upholding the trust—safeguarding St. Joseph's past for future generations.

Since 1927, the St. Joseph Museum has been entrusted with its community's heritage. It is the museum's mission to uphold this trust by caring for the items that have been given into its custody. Using these collections, the St. Joseph Museum serves the public by educating through exhibits and programs; promoting research; and encouraging the appreciation and understanding of St. Joseph's heritage.



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