

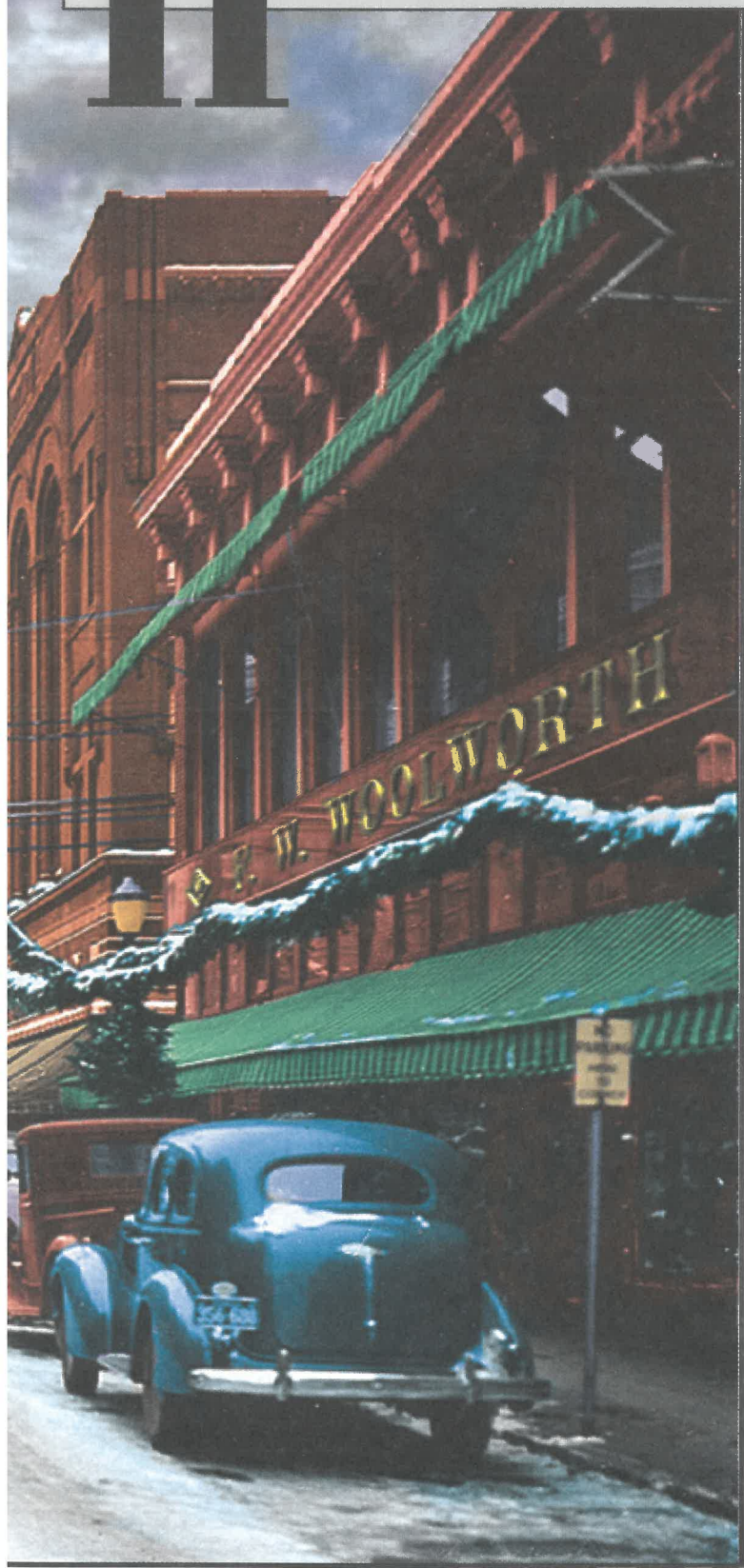
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A P P E N I N G S

St. Joseph Museum

November/December 1997

The format of the “Happenings” has changed with this issue. An item from the museum’s collections will be highlighted on the cover of each “Happenings.” Shown here is St. Joseph decorated for the holidays in the mid 1930s. This photograph, taken while looking west on Felix Street between 6th and 7th Streets, was in the extensive Cook Camera Store photo files given to the St. Joseph Museum in 1974. To christen the new format, a colorized version of the original photo is featured.



St. Joseph Museum Happenings

Lighting Ceremony '97

The St. Joseph Museum hosted two events in celebration of the decoration and lighting of the building for the Christmas season. In addition, a featured attraction was the opening of the new gift shop in one of the fully restored Victorian rooms in the building. On Tuesday, December 2, over 120 members had a sneak preview and enjoyed wine and cheese. On Thursday, December 4, approximately 400 people attended the formal lighting ceremony. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with the children while all enjoyed hot chocolate and decorated sugar cookies.



L. to R. : Kelsey Drake and Mrs. Santa discuss how hard it is to be good all year while Santa talks to Aaron Drake about his wish list.



Members' Sneak Preview.

Photos by Chlan Sims

Museum Shop News



One of the highlights of the Members' Night and Lighting Ceremony this year was talking with those who attended and hearing their comments about the latest exhibits at the museum. People who had not visited the museum for several years were very pleased with the progress. The new Museum Shop with its Victorian ambience was admired by everyone. If you haven't had a chance to see it, you might want to come in for a distinctive gift



Buddy and Al from Community Health Plan watch the festivities on December 4.

for someone special or a treat for yourself. Kathy Reno, shop manager, is constantly adding new items that complement the museum's collections - local history, Native American, and natural history of the area.

Recent Donations to the Collections

Jim D. Feagins - Three books, *The Kansas Anthropologist - Journal of the Kansas Anthropological Association* from 1995, 1996, and 1997. Also donated were three books called *The Kansas Archaeologist* published by the Kansas City Archaeological Society between 1990 and 1992.

Fran Thompson - An oil painting done in 1984 of the St. Joseph Museum exterior at 1100 Charles. The donor is the artist.

Morris Werner - Two books, *The 1849 California Trail Diaries of Elijah Preston Howell* by Susan Badger Doyle and Donald E. Buck and *Overland to Oregon* by Edward Henry Lenox.

A Community Thank You

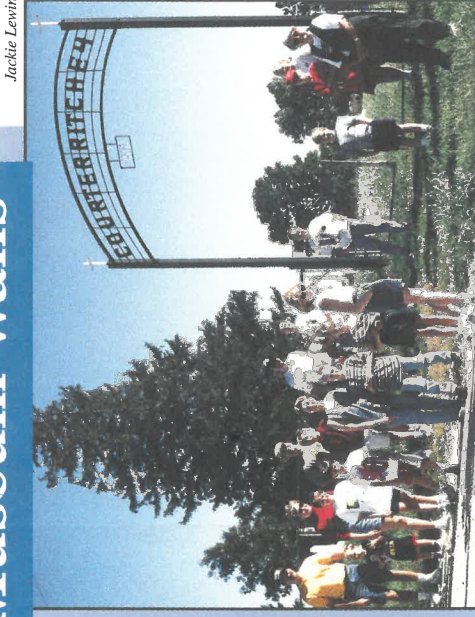
The task of getting ready to serve hot chocolate and Christmas cookies to approximately 500 people for the Lighting Ceremony was considerably lightened by a call the day before the December 4th event. A young woman phoned the museum to inquire about the event and was told by a staff member about the activities taking place. When the caller was reminded that there was no charge for any of the evening's events, she commented, "I don't know if you realize how much we appreciate the Lighting

Programs Travel Beyond Museum Walls

The St. Joe Road of the California and Oregon Trails was the destination of a September 28th field trip for members of the St. Joseph School District's gifted students in the class of Joann Wann. Students took turns reading diary quotes of the early emigrants as they stood on the site where the emigrants wrote the diary entry nearly 150 years ago. Walking a section of trail was particularly enjoyable to the students. This is the second year that staff members Marilyn

Taylor, Sarah Elder, and Jackie Lewin have aided the class in the study of their pioneer's unit.

St. Joseph Museum staff members provide a number of programs that go beyond the walls of the museum. During November and December, 510 adults and children were reached with museum programs.



Jackie Lewin

Field trip participants pose along the St. Joe Road.

The Hubacher Music Clock

In 1977, Miss Edna Hubacher left her estate to the St. Joseph Museum. One of the items was a Black Forest music clock standing just over eight-feet tall. Also called a flute or organ clock, it was made in the Black Forest region of Germany in the 1830s. The clock was not functioning, so it became a long-term goal to get the clock in working order in honor of Miss Hubacher and her wonderful gift to the museum.

The search for the person who

could repair the clock was begun, and he was found, literally, under the museum's roof. He was one of the musicians at Prairie View Festival – Jerry Faire.

While Jerry's avocation is music, his vocation is clock maker. When Rich Nolf, director, told him about the clock, Jerry was very eager to get the clock in working order. First, however, he wanted to research the history of the clock to aid him in his undertaking. After several

years of research, Jerry was ready to tackle the task, working it into his busy schedule of clock repair. The clock was returned to the museum on December 1, just in time for Members' Night. The clock is in perfect working order, playing eight melodies, but it is adjusted to play music only on manual selection by a staff member. Miss Hubacher's clock sets on the second floor of the museum, reminding everyone of her generosity with every tick.

Ceremony that you give to the community. It is difficult to find events that a family with several children can afford during the Christmas season."

Calendar of Events

January 1 - New Year's Day. The museum will be closed for the holidays.

January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The museum is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

January 26 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m.

February 16 - President's Day. The museum is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

February 23 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m.

March 30 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m.



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Because of the generosity of these donors, more than 400 people enjoyed free holiday festivities at the Lighting Ceremony. The constant and valued support of our members allows us to hold these free events for the community.

Thank you all for making these events possible!

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Membership Update

November/December 1997

The St. Joseph Museum would like to thank all new and current members for their contributions to the museum. At the beginning of December, 57 new members had joined the St. Joseph Museum as a result of a recent membership drive. This has increased our overall membership by 20%.

Thanks to all our members who returned surveys. We really appreciate the feedback. If you haven't completed your survey, it's not too late! Fill it out and send it back to us today.

A special thanks goes to those who sent memorial and tribute gifts to the St. Joseph Museum.

Memorial and tribute gift cards are available at the museum.

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Jane Meriwether in honor of Si Rositzky.

Si has been a trustee since 1950, and his dedication and commitment to the St. Joseph Museum are invaluable.

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Jim and Shirley McCord in memory of Jimmy McLaughlin

Louis Westheimer in memory of Samuel Westheimer - St. Joseph Pioneer

