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LANDMARK REPORT

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BOWMAN KELLEY RECEIVES AWARD

Bowman Kelley Total Office Systems was named a winner in the prestigious Annual Dealer Awards Competition. The competition, sponsored by Geyer's Dealer Topics each year, recognizes outstanding achievement in the office equipment and stationery field. Bowman Kelley, located in the Pushin Building, 400 East Main Street, won the merit award in the Store Design -- New Main Store category. The annual award was presented at the annual convention of the National Office Products Association in Chicago. Meredith Johnson, Partner of Bowman Kelley (left), is shown accepting the award from Geyer's editor, C. Edwin Shade.

Built in 1920 by Sam Pushin, the Pushin Building was the home of Pushin Department Store until 1980. Rehabilitation of the department store was begun in 1981 upon acquisition by Bowman Kelley as part of the ongoing revitalization efforts underway in downtown Bowling Green. Utilizing architectural design and historic research assistance from the Landmark Association, the building's original characteristics were retained.

The history of Bowman Kelley reaches back to 1922, when the Marshall Love and Company office supply firm was established. In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelley, Sr. purchased the firm, then located in the Price Building at the corner of State and 10th Streets. Two sons, Charles and Tom, Jr., became partners with their parents in the late 1940's. The company's name was changed in 1950 to Kelley Office Equipment Company and the business was moved to 432 East 10th Street. Job printing was added to the firm in 1952 with the acquisition of the building and equipment of the Times Journal Printing Company. These two locations were used until 1963 when Kelley Office Equipment Company purchased the Kroger Grocery building at 1017 College Street.

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Mr. Harry Bowman founded Bowman Office Supply Company in 1946. This firm operated from the Helm Hotel on Main Street until 1964, when it relocated to a building at 1141 State Street. In 1975, the business moved to its own building at 171 Center Street. Meredith Johnson purchased Bowman Office Supply in 1977 and formed a partnership with James Parrish in 1980.

Kelley Office Equipment Company and the Bowman Office Supply Company merged on January 1, 1982 and acquired the Pushin Building soon after. Rehabilitation work on the new home for Bowman Kelley was completed with their grand opening on May 4, 1982.

NATIONAL TRUST PROGRAM

A new Member Organization Program will soon be initiated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Addressing the need for current, in-depth information on preservation matters to members, this program will revise and upgrade expanded service membership.

Examples of items to be included in the mailings are the National Trust Information Sheets, Library Acquisition Lists, summarized items from the Federal Register, selected articles from the Preservation Law Reporter, occasional publications and reprints from newspapers and journals.

Memo to Members, a cover sheet, will annotate key information including updates on federal funding, corporate philanthropy, preservation events, new programs and publications by the National Trust, update material from the National Park Service and pertinent information and regulations from federal agencies.

LANDMARK JANUARY MEETING

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the next monthly meeting to be held at JAMES R. MEANY AND ASSOCIATES, 913 COLLEGE STREET on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Richard Callahan, Manager of Meany's Tax Department will discuss personal taxes. Discussion will concern tips for 1982 filing, tax planning ideas for 1983 and changes in the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. A tour of the buildings will be given after the program.

The Ackerman, Daughtry and Nolan Buildings were built circa 1892 in the Italianate Revival style popular during the latter 19th century. The Ackerman Building originally housed a bakery, candy store and later served as the J.C. Penny Department Store. The Daughtry Building, built by W.C. Daughtry as a grocery, later housed a ladies' dress shop and also served as a part of Penny's. Remodeled for Warren Deposit Bank in 1911, the Nolan Building had been occupied by various billiard halls from the 1930's until vacated in 1980.

Together, these buildings now serve as the main offices of James R. Meany and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, who occupy the Ackerman's ground floor and the upper floors of all three buildings. Stewart's Card Shop has recently opened in the Daughtry Building and Merrill-Lynch, a stock brokerage firm, will soon open in the Nolan Building.

NEW LANDMARK MEMBERS

Several new members have recently joined the Landmark Association. Landmark would like to welcome the following to the organization. We thank you for your support and look forward to your participation.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck Alexander
Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Buchanon
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Buncher
Mr. Lee Huddleston
Mr. and Mrs. William Lashlee
Mrs. Harold McGuffey
Dr. and Mrs. Sam Potter
Mr. Jim Thompson
Mr. Kenneth R. Wallace, Jr.
Sarah Winlock
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolff

CIVIL WAR IN BOWLING GREEN

Through maps, diaries, letters and illustrations, find out what it was like to be a soldier and a civilian in an occupied town during the Civil War. A workshop designed to help teachers utilize local historic resources will be sponsored by the Kentucky Library at Western Kentucky University.

Nancy Baird, Librarian, and Nicky Hughes, Kentucky Military History Museum, will conduct this workshop on Saturday, February 12, 1983 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For further information, contact Nancy Baird at 745-2592.

INVITE A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

In Brief:

CONGRESS: On December 19, 1982, Bill H.R. 7356 appropriating \$26 million to the historic preservation fund -- \$4.5 million to the National Trust and \$21.5 million to state programs -- was passed by both Houses of Congress.

President Reagan signed this bill on December 30, 1982. The states' share provides \$14 million for management and administration which includes review and advice on Federal projects, National Register nominations, Tax Act Certification review and technical preservation services. State survey and planning activities was allocated \$7.5 million. No money was included for acquisition and development grants.

FEDERAL CUTS: While the federal government has drastically cut direct funding to cultural institutions, there is yet another source of federal support eroded. Cultural non-profit institutions must now come to terms with the Internal Revenue Service. Income-producing activities not substantially related to the performance of a non-profit organization's purpose are subject to taxation. The IRS has not yet provided a definition of "relatedness", but "Museum News" cites examples of those activities and products which have and have not been allowed, in addition to the information and records a non-profit organization should have for an audit by the IRS.

CORPORATE FUNDING: "The Washington International Arts Letter" will update its directory of arts support. This is an extremely useful reference tool for information on those corporations, corporate foundations and foundations who have given financial assistance to historic preservation. The new directory will appear in February 1983.

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Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 19: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING
7:30 PM Landmark office
- Jan. 22-23: UCP Telethon
Capitol Arts Center
- Jan. 26: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM J.R. Meany & Associates
913 College Street
- Feb. 1: Downtown Business Association
Board Meeting 8:00 AM
Landmark office
- Feb. 8: Downtown Business Association
Monthly Meeting
- Feb. 12: Arts Alliance Annual Ball
Bowling Green Country Club
- Feb. 12: Civil War in Bowling Green
9:30 AM Kentucky Library
- Feb. 16: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING
7:30 PM Landmark office
- Feb. 26: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM BG Public Library