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LANDMARK REPORT of Bowling Green & Warren County

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Landmark Association November General Meeting will be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Monday, November 30, 1981 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Robert Dickey, a local attorney, will give a talk on the restoration he has done on his shotgun house in the Butchertown area of Louisville.

A house tour will follow the program at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Martin, 919 Cherry Drive in Bowling Green.

FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING

On October 27, 1981, a full Senate bill was passed authorizing a \$26.5 million for federal historic preservation funding. A House/Senate conference was then called on November 4, 1981 to settle differences between the Senate and House versions. This settlement included the following provisions:

- * Historic Preservation Fund appropriated at \$26.5 million
- * \$21.9 million for the states
- * \$4.6 million for the National Trust
- * Up to \$1.5 million of the state allotment to be used to reimburse the nine states that did not receive their full 1981 share.

After final approval by both House and Senate, the bill will be forwarded to President Reagan for his signature or veto a veto is expected. Federal historic preservation funding is not yet assured; continuing resolution, recession and deferral will be the subject of activity in the weeks ahead.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

Redevelopment in the Downtown Commercial Historic District is continuing and presently involves six buildings located around the square. (The J.R. Meany and Associates project was presented at the August 24th Landmark Association General Meeting.) All of the buildings are Tax Reform Act projects and will provide five retail areas, six professional offices and two apartments. The eleven commercial areas represent one long-time downtown business, three new businesses, four relocations and three currently unleased areas. As a total, all six redevelopment projects represent over \$500,000 in private capital invested into the downtown area.

The Reardon Building, built ca. 1887, at 910 State Street is owned by Charles McDonough. Use of this building will include a women's clothing shop and the owner's accounting firm.

The Settle Building, built in 1890, at 906 State Street is owned by Van and Pat Fisher. A currently unleased retail area and the owner's apartment will be housed in this structure.

David Faxon is the owner of the R.C.P. Thomas Building, built ca. 1870, at 440 East Main Street. The second floor of this building has been rehabilitated for use as a professional office.

David Rabold, owner of the Princess Theatre at 430 East Main Street is beginning revitalization of this 1914 structure. Reuse of this building will include Quality Vision Center, Quality Personnel, Triad Systems and a currently unleased area.

Bowman Office Supply will soon occupy the Pushin Building, built in 1920, at 400 East Main Street. Owners Jim Parrish and Meredith Johnson will

utilize the basement and first floor while reserving the upper floors for future expansion.

Helena Slezak has recently purchased the Covington Building, built ca. 1869, at 415 Park Row. Reuse of the structure will include Helena's Place, the owner's gift/clothing shop on the first floor, shop manager's apartment on the second floor and a currently unleased office space on the second floor.

"CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY"

The Woman's Club of Smiths Grove will Present "Christmas in the Country", a candlelight tour of homes, Sunday, December 6, 1981 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Admission will be \$1.00 per home or \$5.00 for the complete tour. The following homes in Smiths Grove will be included in the tour:

- * Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meisel, U.S. 31-W
- * Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Cassady, U.S. 31-W
- * Mr. & Mrs. L.D. Rasdall, Jr., Main St.
- * Mr. & Mrs. Robert Appling, Broadway St.
- * Mr. & Mrs. Roland Richey, Kentucky St.
- * Mr. & Mrs. James McGuirk, U.S. 68E

This tour will include refreshments at the McGuirk home and musical programs at the Presbyterian Church. For further information contact Mrs. Carroll Bevarly at 563-3291, Mrs. Haz Ballance at 563-3951 Mrs. James Jackson at 563-6458 or Mrs. James McGuirk at 563-3571.


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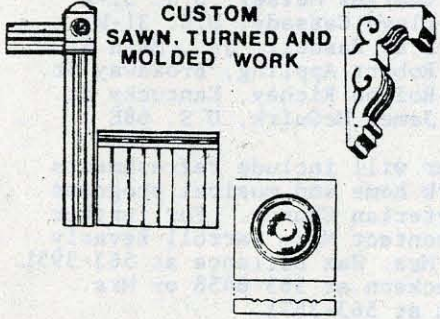
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