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LANDMARK REPORT of Bowling Green & Warren County

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION LEGISLATION

The tremendous support which the Commonwealth Preservation Council membership gave the legislators for the promotion of preservation issues was extremely helpful. The appropriation for the Heritage Division was doubled over the Governor's recommendation, the Heritage Division was returned to the Education Cabinet and several very helpful laws dealing with taxes and financing for historic property was passed.

Having a spokesperson in Frankfort to talk with the legislators about specific requests was made productive by their willingness to respond positively to the many phone calls and letters they received.

REORGANIZATION BILL 785:

This bill, introduced by Rep. LeMaster at Gov. Brown's request which abolished the Kentucky Heritage Commission and assigned its duties to the newly established Dept. of the Arts of the Commerce Cabinet, was passed with two significant amendments. Rep. Kenton's amendment established a Kentucky Heritage Council of 16 members to serve as state agency for the administration of the state heritage plan as developed in coordination with the Dept. Commissioner. The Heritage Division is the staff of the Council. Sen. McQuiston's amendment deleted the placement of the Heritage Division in the Commerce Cabinet's Dept. of the Arts, which left

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The Landmark Association April General Meeting will be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jay Sloan will present "Living on Swiss Cheese: the Caverns of Bowling Green, Their Historical and Future Influences on Local Human Settlement." A tour of the offices and residence of Mr. Mitchell Leichhardt, 2209 Nashville Road will follow the meeting.

it in the Education Cabinet.

BUDGET BILL 295:

The Governor's proposed budget allotted only \$200,000 for the Heritage Division, which had been appropriated \$448,000 per year by the last General Assembly. The House Appropriation and Revenue Committee requested an additional \$75,000, which the House passed. The Senate A&R Committee moved an additional \$150,000 be set aside for the Heritage Division, which also passed. Sen. Martin also requested that \$50,000 from administrative services of the Dept. of the Arts be sent with the Division when transferred back to the Education Cabinet. Differences in the House and Senate bills were settled with a compromise giving the Heritage Division a \$400,000 budget.

'MAKE AMERICA BETTER' PROJECT

The Bowling Green Board of Realtors has begun a project concerning rehabilitation of a Toll House at 99 College Street. This early 19th century (ca. 1838) brick building was built for collection of bridge tolls and to house the toll collector. This has also been the location of a blacksmith shop and the Bryant and Son Grocery.

The City of Bowling Green recently acquired this property as part of the Midtown Redevelopment Plan. Because redevelopment plans called for clearing the land northeast of First Avenue with no future development, the Board of Realtors approached the city and Landmark with the idea of rehabilitating the original portions of the Toll House as the Board's annual "Make America Better" project. Although plans for utilization have not been fully developed, Landmark will use a portion of the building for storing salvaged architectural materials.

Ann Elliot, Chairman of the project committee, stated that rehabilitation would not only enhance that approach to the city's central area, but such a project would show community support by the Board of Realtors in performing a community service. Involvement by the Board with the community in this renovation will demonstrate how a variety of groups and individuals can work together to achieve a better community through historic preservation.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Landmark Association Annual Meeting will be held in mid-May. This will also mark the tenth annual National Historic Preservation Week. Because this year's theme is "Historic Preservation: Reinvesting in America's Past," we have asked Roger Davis, owner of the newly renovated Seelbach Hotel in Louisville to be our keynote speaker.

Invitations to the dinner meeting to be held at Christ Episcopal Church will be sent to each member very soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Landmark urgently needs volunteers to help move our architectural salvage materials from the garage on Park Street to the Toll House on College Street. The move will take place Saturday, April 24 at 8:00 a.m. Landmark really needs your help. Please call the Landmark office at 781-8106 if you can help.

OLD-HOUSE JOURNAL

Many of our Landmark members are beginning to receive subscription renewals for the Old-House Journal. Please remember that you can renew or begin a new subscription through Landmark for \$12.00 (a 25% savings off regular rates). Old-House Journal is a monthly publication containing many useful and informative articles concerning all aspects of restoring the pre-1930 house. We need your renewal or new subscription as soon as possible because they are sent in groups of 10 or more. Thank you.

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REINVESTING IN
AMERICA'S PAST

Preservation Week * May 9-15, 1982
National Trust for Historic Preservation

BOWLING GREEN GARDEN CLUB TOUR

The Bowling Green Garden Club will sponsor the annual Open House in Kentucky Tour in Bowling Green on Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Seven homes, three gardens and one apartment will be featured. Tours will cost \$1.00 per place or \$5.00 for the entire tour. Proceeds will be used for beautification in the area. Lunch will be available at the Eloise B. Houchens Center for Women, 1115 Adams Street. For details, contact Romanza Johnson at 782-1200.

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