

LOG HOUSE GAZETTE

OVERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

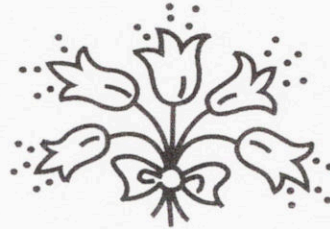
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Dear Members:

We are now into the spring season. There will ^{be} several projects and maintenance that will need to be done on the OHS site. Just as our homes need Spring Cleaning, our OHS site will need this as well. If you can help in any well, please contact Don Westhoff – he needs Your Help.

Our last General Meeting was very successful as we did accomplish a lot. We review ^{ed} the OHS By Laws and made corrections to them, we will then vote on the Final Copy at our May Meeting. The one major change which was made will be the Officers (President, Vice President and Treasurer) will serve two year terms instead of one. After approval of the By Laws we will hold our Elections for next year. We also reviewed and approved the OHS budget for 2009-2010. If you want a copy please let me know. The General Meeting had a small turn out of members. I know that activities can interfere with attending, but I am asking please mark your calendars to attend the May Meeting on Tuesday, May 12.

Mark your Calendars for the Following Events:

Saturday, April 4 – Bake Sale and Craft Fair – Overland Community Center

Monday, April 13 – Board Meeting

Sunday, May 17 – 2nd Annual House Tour

June 20 – Overland will be Celebrating their 70th Anniversary at Norman Myers

Summer Activity – OHS Barbeque

Fall Activity – Trivia Night

As you all can see we have various events and activities coming up and it would be great to see all our membership participating. We will be having our Annual Rummage Sale – so start saving and bringing the items up to the site, 2nd Annual House Tour – contact Marlene Dent if you can help.

If you want to attend and for some reason you are not able to drive, please let me know so we can work out a ride for you. I know some individuals prefer not to drive at night and I fully understand, but don't let this keep you away. Call me.

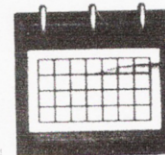
If you have any questions, suggestions, ideas for future programs and activities, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me at 429-4862 or any of the members of the Board of Directors.

Your President
Linda Schuetz

*Special thanks to
everyone getting their
reports to me so early!
Great job - Jeri*

OVERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Overland Historical Society will have their May Membership Meeting on Tuesday the 12th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Overland Community Center Activity Room. Our program topic will center around approving an update of the Overland Historical Society By-Laws. Also, dates and activities scheduled for the coming year will be reported. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the President Linda Schuetz at 314-429-4862.



OHS General Meeting Minutes March 10, 2009

President Linda Schuetz called the general membership meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.. There were 26 members in attendance.

First the President called for any corrections to January minutes. Sandy Jackson stated that Overland's upcoming celebration in paragraph two is not the Golden Jubilee. It is the 70th Anniversary celebration. Sandy also mentioned that in the R & R paragraph that he and wife were wearing polo shirts and not t-shirts, which will be available for purchase in several colors. Also the next Board meeting on February 9th will be held in museum and not the log house. Marlene Dent stated that Dr. Greg Luttrell's last name is spelled with two l's. She also corrected the house tour information to read that the docents are being asked to work two-hour shifts instead of 2 ½ hours. LaVerne Dallas made a motion to approve minutes as corrected, and Ray Schuetz seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President reported income of \$1,820.83 and expenses of \$1,914.45. The balance in checkbook as of 3/7/09 was \$6,824.79. Copies of finance report were passed around to members in attendance.

Next the President called for a discussion of the By-Laws. Copies of proposed bylaw revisions were handed out to members who did not bring their copy from previous newsletter. The meeting was turned over to Virginia Piacentini and Russell Carter, bylaws committee members. Pat Westhoff is also a member of committee, but was not present. Virginia said that two types of changes were made to the bylaws:

- 1) Outline form
- 2) Sections moved where more appropriate

Article I – Name - No change

Article II – Mission statement added.

Article III – Purpose – This article has been divided into three sections. Don Westhoff suggested that Section 1 should be changed to read, "Overland Historical Society is organized for the purpose of educating members and public about the promotion and preservation of our historical heritage."

Article IV – Objectives - No change.

Article V – Membership – Don Westhoff brought up the fact that this section originally included membership dues, but this is now included in "Standing Rules".

Article VI – Officers – No changes were made by committee except for addition of section 2 regarding the removal of officers. Marlene Dent suggested office terms of two years. It was agreed that by the time an officer learns the job, they have to step down. Rich Palmer moved that officer terms be changed to two years. Kay O'Connell seconded it. After a vote by members present,

Virginia announced that the bylaws would be changed to reflect this. Don Westhoff suggested that language in section 1a should be changed to "for at least one prior year" instead of previous year referring to eligibility for election as an officer by serving on Board. He also suggested that section b3 under Vice-President be changed to read, "If the office of Vice-President becomes vacant, the Board shall fill it by simple majority vote." He further suggested that section c 5. – Treasurer should have language added to read, "Shall be responsible for applying for the annual State of Missouri Not-for-Profit registration and IRS not for profit reporting requirements." Marlene Dent pointed out that the President, Vice-President and Treasurer are bonded. She suggested that a statement be added under President the same as item 6 under Treasurer as follows: The President shall be bonded, the fee to be paid by the Society. Don Westhoff also stated that section 1a should be limited to eligibility for office of President only and not include all officers.

Article VII – Board of Directors – Marlene Dent suggested that section 10 should read "Upon the expiration of the term of office" instead of "his" term of office – not necessary to be gender specific.

Article VIII – Elections – LaVerne Dallas said section 5a should be changed to read, "Voting shall be by secret ballot."

Article IX – Committees – Sandy Jackson suggested that section 2 should be changed to read, "Committees shall have and act under the authority of the Board instead of "exercise authority of the Board." Also the last sentence of section 3 should be omitted i.e. The Board may determine if Chairmen must be Board members.

Article X – General Membership Meetings – Don Westhoff stated that section 1 should be changed to read, "Meetings shall be held from September to May in alternating months."

Article XI – Financial Procedure – No change.

Article XII – Membership in Historical Societies and Organizations – Marlene Dent stated that the last sentence should end after Board. The part of sentence that reads, "and shall be entitled to be represented at the annual meetings of these organizations" should be taken out.

Article XIII – Parliamentary Authority – Sandy Jackson noted that the "in" before Roberts Rules of Order should not be underlined.

Article XIV – Amendments – No change.

Article XV – Dissolution – Marlene Dent stated that the deed on property owned by Overland Historical Society says that it goes back to City of Overland in the event of a dissolution of the Society. Don Dallas stated that assets have to go to another 501c3 organization by rule of the IRS. Marlene Dent said she would research this and get back to the Society with the answer before final approval vote by membership.

Next Sandy Jackson moved that the discussion of bylaws be tabled and the members thank bylaw committee for their hard work. Virginia confirmed that the bylaws committee would put them into final form for approval vote by members at May meeting incorporating the changes discussed. The President stated that bylaw discussion was over.

Next the President called for committee reports.

Custodial

Don Westhoff listed items that had been repaired or refurbished on site including:

- Security light replaced
- New fire extinguishers
- Bench by herb garden refinished
- Swinging bench on porch of 2404 property repaired

He also mentioned that Frank Nowack is working to have lawnmowers ready for the grass-cutting season.

The President also reported to members that Dave McCorkell would be finishing the smokehouse chimney. She also stated that if any members can lend a hand at the site, it would be appreciated.

Docent Council

Marlene Dent stated that 24 docents are needed for house tour on 5/17/09. She said that Ginny Cornwell would be making calls to schedule docents for the tour. She also said that any docent taking tour would pay a fee of \$5.00. She said admission fee will help pay for plaques for century homes on the tour.

Historian

LaVerne Dallas stated that all scrapbooks were up to date and available for viewing by members at the meeting. LaVerne also mentioned that she had pictures of all Overland historical signs being placed by Overland Beautification Committee. Eedie Cuminale brought up the fact that due to some confusion on the Committee all signs on original list will be completed first.

Membership

Marlene Dent stated that Society has 96 life members, 12 gifted, 36 deceased, 35 single memberships, 18 family, 6 honorary and one life member deceased. She also informed members in attendance that dues are now due and payable for the year and have to be paid in order for a member to be eligible to vote in May elections. She also stated that the renewal form was left out of the previous newsletter, and postcard reminders are being sent out to members who have not yet renewed for 2009/2010 membership year.

The President next called for a 15-minute break at 8 p.m.

The President called meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m. with the introduction of new budget. Copies were passed out to members in attendance. It was pointed out that the budget is lower than in previous two years due to some obligations having been satisfied and removed from expenses. Russell Carter

made motion that budget be approved as it stands. Ray Schuetz seconded the motion, and 2009/2010 budget was approved by a vote of members present.

Next the President asked for three volunteers for nominating committee and LaVerne and Don Dallas volunteered.

In the absence of a scheduled program, the President introduced Sandy Jackson who presented three short stories illustrating the importance of historical research. The first story involved the return of a 1926 class ring from McCaskey High school in Lancaster, PA to the deceased owner's sister. The ring belonged to ~~Ellen~~ Ellen Dombach Sheeley and had been found by Betty Jackson who had it for a long time.

The second story involved documents and papers donated to Fee Fee Baptist Church belonging to the Wise family who resided at 8700 Burton. The current resident, Joyce Higginbotham, found the documents and papers in the house and contacted the Society for help in donating them to the church. One of the items was the original deed to the church. Fee Fee Baptist was very grateful to receive the historically significant items.

The third story concerned the gifting of a scrapbook belonging to the first Mayor of Overland, Timothy F. Ryan, by his daughter. Mr. Ryan's daughter called the Society and met with and presented the album to Sandy Jackson. During Mr. Ryan's short 5-month term he managed to enact 20 city ordinances including establishment of city hall, police department and court system. Mr. Ryan's scrapbook includes the incorporation of Overland on 6/19/1939.

Following the presentation, Don Westhoff informed members of the program presented for Our Redeemer Lutheran School's social studies fair. Sandy and Marsha Jackson and Don Westhoff took some tools from the museum and gave a program on the uses of the items such as apple peeler etc.

The President next informed members of some upcoming events including the following:

- 1) April bake sale at spring craft fair on 4/13/09. She informed members that Betty Jackson would be calling for donations of baked items for sale.
- 2) Second annual house tour on 5/17/09.
- 3) Overland's 70th anniversary celebration on 6/20/09.

Following this, the President asked if there was any further business or comments to come before the meeting. LaVerne Dallas asked for prayers on behalf of the family, friends and congregation of Pastor Winters in Maryville, IL who was killed by a gunman during Sunday morning service. She also mentioned that Steve Vargo, principal of Wyland Elementary School, attends the church and is a good friend of one of the gentlemen injured while subduing the gunman.

There being no further comments or business, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Heil, Recording Secretary



Are You Missing A Jacket?

A lightweight ladies blue hooded jacket with white piping was left in the loghouse during the candlelight tour by one of our members. It has brown gloves and a tube of lipstick in the pocket. If this sounds like your jacket please give Sandy a call at 831-7439.



Museum Curator's Corner

By Sandy Jackson



Within the backlog of items donated to the OHS historical collection I recently came across a well-worn 1924 copy of the *Wellsville Optic-News* from Wellsville, Montgomery County, Missouri. Since the single issue of the newspaper was of limited use for our local history society, I contacted a historian with the Montgomery County Historical Society and inquired if their organization would be interested in obtaining this copy. The historian replied that they mainly sought good copies of the newspaper for obituaries to further their genealogical research but would accept the damaged issue. When I received a thank you reply from their historical society they informed me they were "amazed" at the wealth of family and regional information it contained and how much they appreciated the OHS sending it to them. This example goes to show that what you might not first perceive as being of historical interest may in fact be of significant value. Do you have any old newspaper articles or publications about Overland that you would like to donate? If so, please contact me at 831-7439. Thanks to those individuals for making the following contributions to our organization:

June Wuest Becht – St. John's history letter, 1945

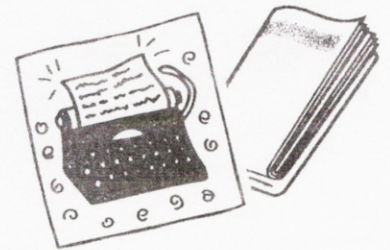
Judy Gilbertson – 1883 geography book; Pevely Dairy cottage cheese bottle; mustard tin

Claude Jackson – *Globe-Democrat* Old Newsboy apron, button and ribbon

Marcia Jackson – library paste jar

June Morgan – Royal typewriter

Jeri and Dan Turner – cracker tin; glass condiment set; dictionary



EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Ring Returned After 63 Years By Sandy Jackson



Last month while sorting through a jewelry box Betty Jackson came across a high school ring that she had forgotten all about and unknowingly set in motion a story that began over a half century ago in a small Pennsylvania town. She showed the ring to her son and daughter-in-law stating that she did not remember how she obtained the ring, although it was likely something she found years earlier and had tucked away in the jewelry box.

Upon inspection of the ladies gold ring the name J. P. McCaskey High School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania and the year 1946 were clearly visible. Inside the band were inscribed the initials E. F. D. With this information we wondered if it would still be possible to track down the original owner after all this time. We decided to try. Using the internet we were able to look up and find that McCaskey High School was still there and also listed a contact for the alumni association on their web page. We sent off an email to the alumni director informing her that we were attempting to locate a student from 1946 with the initials E. F. D.

The following day we received our reply and eagerly read her response. She stated that the only person to have graduated from McCaskey High School in 1946 with those initials would have to be Emma F. Dombach. We had=2 0our original owner's name, now could we locate her after all this time?

Along with the ring owner's name, the alumni director was also able to provide us with Emma's last known address and married name of Sheely. Back to the internet we went in search of a phone number, this time for Emma Sheely in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The phone number we were able to obtain turned out to no longer be in service and we had reached what we thought was a dead end in our quest to locate the owner of the ring. We realized as well that Emma Dombach Sheely would now have to be at least 81 years of age and may in fact be no longer living. Assuming this to be the case we searched online for the Lancaster newspapers and the obituary listings. We were saddened to read in one listing that Emma Dombach Sheely had indeed passed away in 2005. In the same story it mentioned that Emma had two brothers and two sisters. Both her brothers were deceased as well, but her sister Hilda Dombach Brubaker lived on Fairview Avenue in Lancaster. Our efforts to return Emma's ring now focused on finding her older sister Hilda.

Once more we were able to obtain a phone number and held our breath as we dialed. "Is this Hilda Brubaker on Fairview Avenue in Lancaster?" "Yes it is," was her reply. "Did you have a sister named Emma that graduated from McCaskey High School in 1946?" we asked. Again came the reply, "Yes" from the elderly woman. "Hilda, we are calling from St. Louis, Missouri and we have your late sister Emma's high school ring. We are only sorry that we were unable to pursue this endeavor years earlier and have been able to return it to Emma directly. We know, however, that we all would still enjoy having Emma's ring finally back into her family's care after 63 years. We would like to return it to you.

A Reply About the Lost High School Ring

This is a letter we recently received from the sister of Emma Dombach Sheely, the lady that once owned the ring. It adds some information about how the ring was lost.

Dear Marcia and Sandy, I am finally getting around to responding to your letter also the ring. I couldn't find any photo with Emma wearing her ring. Emma was a classy girl, a good friend and sister. She had four children, three boys and one girl. I will give the ring to her daughter. I found out that Emma was in Missouri. Her granddaughter was in the service stationed at Fort Leonard Wood and they were down for her graduation. Thanks again for being so thoughtful. If you ~~are~~ ever get to Pennsylvania look us up. Hilda Brubaker