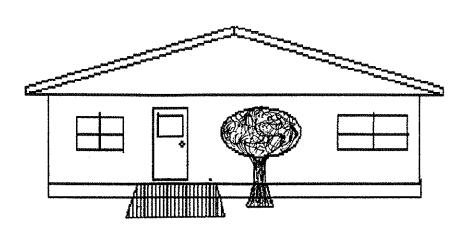
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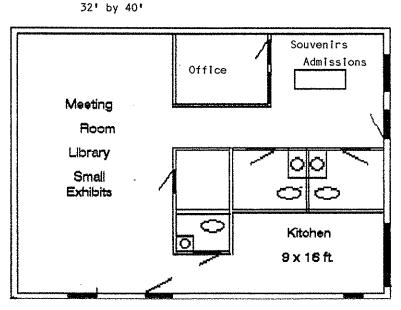
New Building Proposed for Museum



Members of the museum executive have been looking into the possibility of erecting another building, to improve facilities and provide eome increased display area, sorely needed at the museum.

On this page are displayed a couple of drawings of one such proposed building. With

an area of 1280 square feet, it would contain an office, kitchen, washrooms, and a large area to be used as a display area, a library for our large collection of books and other printed matter, and a meeting room.



As well as providing additional display space, a building such as this would free up about 500 square feet of space in the C.P.R. station for displays. That is space that is now used for administration.

Over the years, the museum has put together a stockpile of several thousand board feet of lumber, of various dimensions, with a project such as this in mind.

Much of it was obtained from buildings that we demolished for people, some was donated, and quite a bit was purchased new. It

is estimated that there is enough of this material to frame and close in a building of this size.

Material to be purchased would be the concrete, roofing material, and the material needed to finish the interior. Estimates are for 22 cu. yards of concrete and 1680 square feet of roof.

The proposed plan would be to put up the shell in the first year, and finish it as funds permit. With a little luck and good management, the kitchen and washroom parts might be completed in the first year as well.

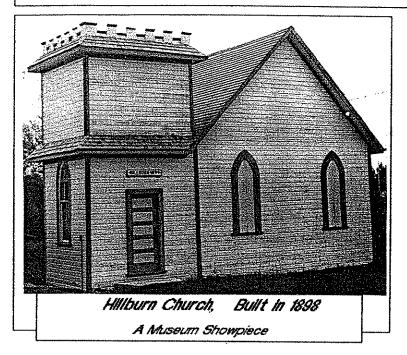
These improvements are vital if we are to increase our tourist trade.

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A few notes from the Editor

Spring is just about upon us and the Museum season will soon start.

The opening day is officially set for May 1st, but in the last few years, weather has permitted us to be open during April. Very little has been done at the site during the winter and I, for one, will be glad to get back. Outside of the paperwork that goes on year around, members have taken the opportunity to follow their own pursuits for a while, curling, travelling or whatever.

A little work remains to be done on the engine shelter that was built in the fall. It has to be painted, and needs some more concrete.

On the back page is a description of an administration building proposed for the museum. This is still very much up in the air. While we have a lot of building material on hand, much depends on such things as government regulations, funding, and the ability to get volunteer help at the right time. In the past, whenever we put out a call for volunteers, our call was answered.

Application has been made for funding for two students for summer work. The

application, which calls for postsecondary students, has not as yet been approved.

Following up on her excellent story last summer about Mrs. Meeko, Darnell Fraser has gone and done it again. This time her subject is Jack Kelly Sr. We think you will enjoy it.

We expect that you will notice an improvement in the picture quality in this issue. For this we have to thank Bruce Penton, of the World-Spectator, and his Laser copier.

An added bonus in this issue is the fine poem submitted by Therese Dauncey. We applaud this kind of public participation and would like to encourage more of it. If you have an original poem, a story, an old anecdote or anything of this nature, please write it down and bring it to us. If we deem it suitable for the newsletter we will include it whenever there is space. Old pictures would be good too, providing they can be identified and captioned.

E.R.



The Annual Rocanville Museum Demonstration Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Plans for the day have not as yet been completed, but they will be announced as soon as possible.

Mark This on Your Calendar.

The Museum board will listen to any ideas for improvements to the show, whether from members or anyone else.

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