

This compartment also held the rolling pin, that well known emblem of home rule.

On centre and right are drawers for storage of pots and pans. The table top is often made of zinc. What would the ecologists of today have to say if they saw food being rolled out on this chemically active surface? The upper portion contains a number of shelves, some with doors, often one with a mirror and several small drawers used for odds and ends.

In many early homes the lamps were stored on top of the cabinet. In the days before power was available, a vital part of any home was a collection of coal oil or gasoline lamps. Many visitors to a museum seem fascinated by lamp collections.

This is just a portion of what is found in our kitchen. The list could go on and on from coffee grinder to clothes racks, from ornate but servicable dishes to cutlery and the water set. Also to be seen are a few examples of an early attempt at "canned music". In the days before radio most homes had a "Gramophone" or "Phonograph" as these efforts at

home entertainment were called.

Many visitors will wonder how the home makers of the time ever prepared and served meals to the family as well as the huge threshing gangs of the day. Those of us who are familiar with these times also marvel at this magnificent accomplishment.

Imagine having to work over a hot stove in a small kitchen in the scorching summer heat from early in the morning till late at night. Feature having to carry all the water in and the waste water and garbage out. Running water was unheard of.

Consider the ongoing battle with millions of flies waiting at the door to get in. In spite of all these trials the ladies of the kitchen always seemed to have a moment to freshen up, put on a new apron, and appear smiling and cheerful when harvesters came in.

You will find it worth while to visit our kitchen at the museum. It has an atmosphere of homelike tranquility about it. Also, one can sense the feeling of efficient industry and you will realise the important role the humble kitchen had to play in building our country in pioneer times.

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News of Kaposvar Historic Site

The church in the Kaposvar Historic Site will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this summer, with a three day celebration. The first church was built of logs in 1892 by the French and Hungarian settlers of Count Esterhazy's colony.

It was replaced by the present stone structure in 1906-07 by Fr. J. Pirot, a Belgian priest who had come to take care of the parish in 1904. He and his stonemason brothers, who had taken up homesteads in the area, directed the work with the assistance of the parishioners. It took over 1600 loads of fieldstones.

The celebration will include a social evening on Aug 14th in the Roman Catholic Church auditorium in Esterhazy, an outdoor picnic on Aug 15th concluding with the stations of the Cross at the outdoor fieldstone stations erected in 1896, and a pilgrimage mass on Sunday, Aug 16th at the stone grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes, which incidently was built 50 years ago this summer.

The Saturday and Sunday events will be held on the 10 acre Kaposvar Historic Site. ● ● ●

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COMING EVENTS

May 13 - Open house at the Museum. Coffee and Carousel free from 1 to 4 PM

Aug. 14-16th - Kaposvar 100th anniversary.
(See note on this page)

Sept. 5th - Annual threshing and demonstration day. Watch for posters about our 25th anniversary.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The society's annual meeting and election of officers will be held on the evening of March 26th, at 7.30 P.M. in the Anglican Parish Hall.

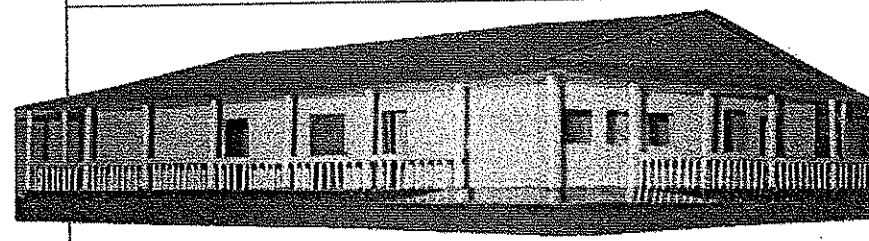
It will be preceded at 6.00 P.M. by the usual very good supper served by the ladies of the Anglican Church.

On the agenda will be discussions on finances, tourism and plans for our 25th anniversary. Detailed plans for the proposed Administration Building will be presented for your approval, along with an estimate of startup costs.

Elections will be held for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor, and three directorships, now held by Gary Birkenshaw, Joseph Callin and Thomas Hayden.

If you are planning to attend the supper, please call Phyllis at 645-2605, by Sat. Mar 21st, if possible. There will be a nominal charge for the supper.

It is important that all members should attend this meeting



Short Notes

Some correspondence has been carried on between ourselves and CP Rail, in an effort to obtain a caboos and a boxcar and/or a cattle car. Some cabooses have been kept by CP Rail to give to museums. We have to prove that we are worthy to get one.

Our annual application for student help has been made, and is now in the hands of the gods and the beaurocrats. Since we came up empty-handed last year, perhaps better luck this year. We asked for funding for two students.

Some plans have been made for 25th year activities. We have to plan these activities so that we complement town events, rather than compete with them, so we are awaiting word of any other planned events.

Due to a situation beyond our control, we have had to change the date of our annual threshing day event. It is now set for Saturday, Sept. 5th., one week earlier than previously advertized.

At left is a picture of how our planned building should look as viewed from the direction of the Prosperity School building.

At the March 3rd meeting of the Museum Society, it was decided to go ahead as planned, with the building of our new building. Blueprints have to be finalized and approved by health and fire people, and by the town.

A supply of lumber has been obtained. Many material cost estimates have been collected. It is hoped that we can get a closed in shell built this summer, so that we can work inside during the winter.

Plans call for a building measuring 40 by 60 ft, with an 8 foot wide veranda on one side and one end.. The building will contain an office, meeting room/library, kitchen, souvenir and reception area and washrooms, plus a display area that will be slightly more than half of the total area.. The entire public part of the building will be wheelchair accesible.

This building will fill a long felt need at the museum. Needless to say, it will be a major project for us, and it may take two or more years to complete. No grants are available for something like this, so it will have to be financed by donations and fund raising events.

Please wish us luck!

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