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We thank everyone who responded to our new website for their kind words of encouragement. We invite everyone to visit the site and if anyone wishes to receive their newsletter via email, please use the contact tab to inform us. A reminder - if there is a change of home address or email address, please forward this information so we can continue to keep in touch with the membership.

We have had a busy summer and fall with various activities and events. In July, Corky's Old Time Rock & Roll Revival entertained, a gospel music concert by local artists was enjoyed in August, and in September our garage sale and tent were quite successful during the Bean Festival. The Xenia Hospitality Barber Shop Chorus, which performed October 6, kindly invited the Greeneview High School Sensations to perform with them. Our show choir made us proud. The audience enjoyed a double treat during Greeneview Night on October 20 when the High School Marching Band joined the Sensations to present an evening of music which showcased the outstanding talents of our young people who thoroughly enjoy performing in the Opera House. We thank Mrs. McClure, Sensations director and Mr. Busch, band director for providing the community this opportunity to observe the accomplishments of the Greeneview Music Department.

There have also been four weddings.

Upcoming events for the rest of the year are:

- November 9 Greeneview High School Drama Club Play
- November 17 Long Family Band By Request
- November 18 Christmas Candy Sale begins
- December 1 "For What It's Worth" with Larry O'Bryant performing during Small Town Christmas Celebration

We were given enough seats from the Silvercreek Twp. School building for 1 row which was placed in the balcony and six seats on the second stair landing. The stage backdrop and curtains also from the old school building will be installed on the Opera House stage hopefully before the end of the year. Remaining project segments are:

- Furniture and curtains for the dressing room area
- Completion of exterior brick repair
- Flooring for downstairs rooms and downstairs bathrooms
- Bell Tower
- Refurbishing front entry doors and replacement of hardware.

The above mentioned items are needed but our most pressing need is an elevator. Many people who would like to attend the events are not able to climb three sets of steps and performers sometimes have problems getting their heavy equipment to the stage. We have decided to start a fund-raising campaign for the elevator by asking the membership and community for any help that can be given. We are aware of these economic times and wish to convey to everyone no amount is small or unneeded.

The Greene County Council on Aging successfully opened a Senior Citizens Center in the portion of the Opera House that previously housed the mayor's office and council chambers. Each Tuesday seniors gather to play euchre/cards from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Already more tables have been added and the hours extended. The fourth Tuesday of each month is a covered dish and the first Thursday of each month is devoted to crafts or some type similar project. Coming soon will be Bingo, a monthly movie afternoon and an additional craft/project day. The center is open to anyone over 50 years of age in Jamestown and surrounding communities and there are no membership obligations or dues. We are so please that almost all available space in the Opera House is being used.

We continue to remind everyone our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday at the Phoenix Restaurant at 6:00 PM. Many gather at 5:00 for dinner and we will meet at 4:00 PM for the November 8 meeting to package the Christmas Candy. Our December 13 meeting will be our Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. The meetings are always open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

We wish all a joyous holiday season and may we never forget why we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.

Glimpses of the Past-----

By Jane Hollingsworth

Our schools will close a very successful year May 20th. Commencement exercises May 24th at the Opera House. There will be six graduates. Levi Bailey, Ora Haines, Ora Bailey, Fama Ginn, Bertie Baldwin and Minnie Smith. *May 3, 1892*

The Alumni gave an interesting entertainment on last Friday evening in the Opera House. *June 3, 1892*

A lecture will be given at the Opera House by Hon. F. M. Green, of the Disciples Church on the 14th. Subject, "Some Recollections of Garfield" *June 10, 1892*

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"Around the world in 80 minutes"

Miss Carrye Utter will deliver her lecture "Around the World in 80 Minutes" and in addition her other 60 minute lecture on the Holy Land, illustrated by recent photographs of its noted and historic places as they look today, at the Opera House, Tuesday, March 15. Miss Utter uses a powerful stereopticon and the Drummond lime light which projects the finest views of any in use. Tickets for Miss Utter's Stereopticon lecture on sale at Carpenter's drug store. No extra charge for reserved seats. *March 11, 1892*

Miss Carrie Utter's lecture was given at the Opera House Tuesday evening. The size of the audience was not commensurate with the beauty of the scenes or excellence of the lecture. The time chosen for the entertainment was accidentally inopportune, owing to the religious meetings in progress this week which kept many away who would have been delighted to join in this excursion to the noted places of the world.

Miss Utter possesses a well trained musical voice, enunciates clearly and had a vivacity of delivery, which adds interest to her recital of the stirring events of gone by history.

The instrument used to project the scenes on the canvas is one of French manufacture and serves its purpose well. We understand the lecture will be repeated sometime in the future when the attention of the community is not engaged elsewhere. *March 18, 1892*

Dr. Willitt, of Dayton, has been engaged to deliver his celebrated lecture "Sunshine" at the Opera House Thursday, April 14. *March 18, 1892*

A people's township meeting convention at the Opera House, Monday afternoon. *March 18, 1892*

"Sunshine" as given by Willitt promises to be the best intellectual treat of the season. Reserved seats 35 cts. At Carpenter's drug store. *April 8, 1892 Jamestown Comet*

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