

The Renovation News

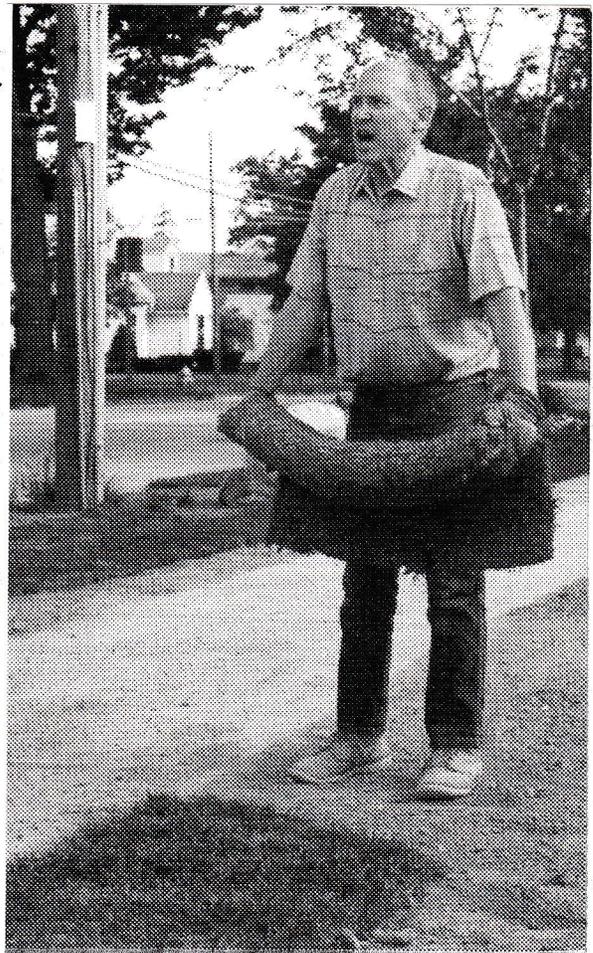
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RECENT PROGRESS: This summer has certainly gone by quickly, and there has been much progress on the renovation in these past three months. Grass sod was laid on the lawn in front of Fellowship Hall, thanks to the Rochester Red Wings baseball club, the Rochester Rhinos soccer club, and Roberts Wesleyan College. Since the baseball and soccer teams are sharing Frontier Field for their games this summer, sod must be added to the baseball infield for the soccer games and removed for the baseball games. Through the efforts of Dan Sheldon and Roberts Wesleyan, therefore, we had the opportunity to get some of this sod in late May, and a crew of our volunteers spent several hours getting it in place. Most of it has taken hold, and, with enough rain, it looks very good.

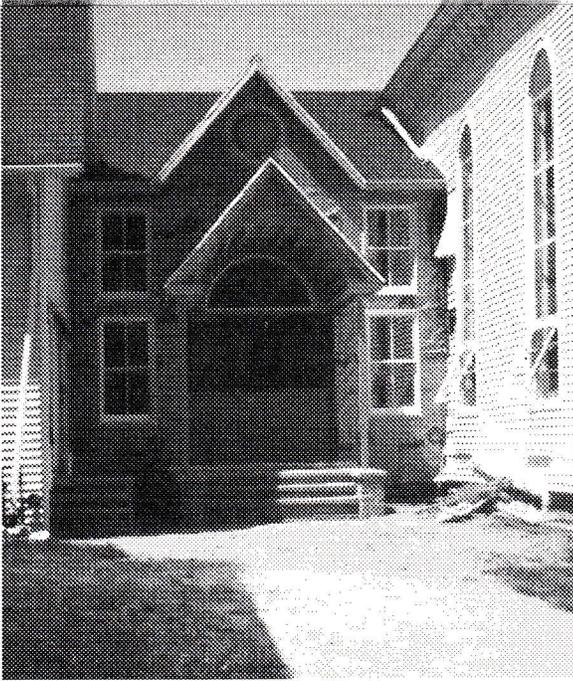
Rick Stacy and crew continued the work on the center entrance, and the overhang was built and the new windows were installed. Ron Spink installed the new concrete and stone steps at that entrance and the side door to the kitchen, and those entrances can now be used when needed. The most visible progress has been made in Fellowship Hall, where the new windows were installed, and the entire room has now been drywalled, including the exposed beams in the ceiling. The room should be ready for painting by the time you read this.

PLANS: Progress the next few months needs to accelerate in order to get the last major element of the project, the center entrance and hall, completed in the good weather. The new stairways to the basement and second floor need to be installed, the old front wall removed, and new front wall and doorway completed within the next couple of months. There will be a great need for volunteers in this work, and for the large amount of finish carpentry work and painting in this area and in the Fellowship Hall. With the end of summer and



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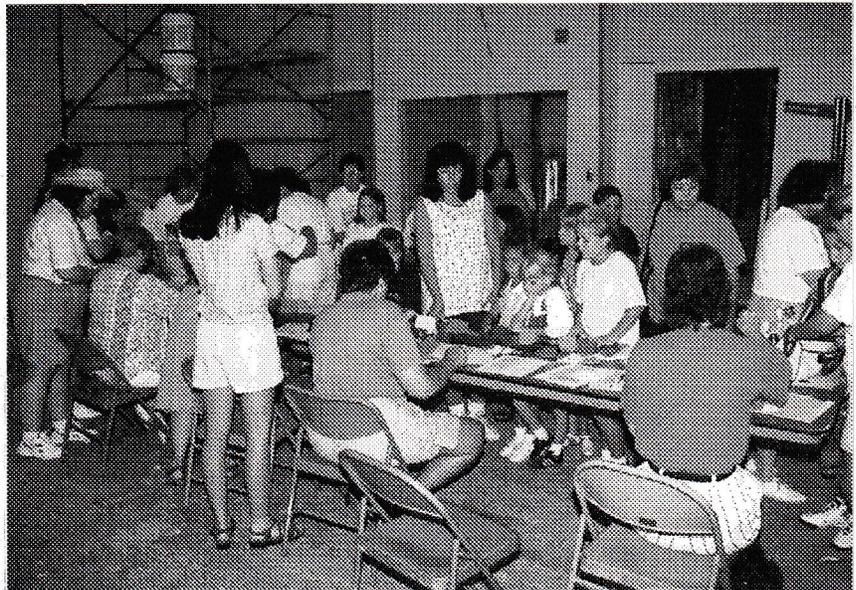
New Center Entrance

vacation time, the work schedule for our volunteers will become more ambitious - we will need all the volunteer help we can get. There will be a lot of work you can do on your own on your schedule, as well as on the regular Thursday evening and Saturday work days.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (A Special Note): This year as last, much of the summer work on the renovation was driven to make certain our facility was ready for VBS, this year on August 11-15. And ready it was, with all the basement rooms, upstairs rooms, and Fellowship Hall open and set up for the kids! It was particularly nice to have the drywall in the Hall completed, and this new, bright and airy room available for VBS. It was a good thing this space was ready, for

VBS broke all their attendance records this year with an average of about 240 kids and 60-70 adult and teen-age leaders and helpers each day. It is very satisfying to see how the Lord is using this community and its church family in His ministry to our children and youngsters. Clearly, our new facility is also being used to do the Lord's work in our community!

FINANCES: Expenses to date on the renovation are \$314,249 and our loan with the Bank of Castile is \$240,000. (The chart below gives more detail on expenses to date.) Pledges to the Renovation Fund Drive total \$177,400, and current pledge income is \$24,750. The "Wish List" we have published a few times recently has brought forward some extra gifts from our supporters, including the half-round window over the Fellowship Hall entrance, the window over the center



*VBS Registration
in Fellowship Hall*

Basement Contractor	39,098	Finishing Labor	4,080	Kitchen Equipment	796
Basement Materials	29,685	Finishing Material	8,521	Loan Interest	12,226
Doran-Yarrington Architects	34,540	Front Entry Extens	7,979	Management	14,624
Preliminary Arch. & Eng. Stu	7,840	General Lumber	9,033	Miscellaneous	2,676
Electrical Work	33,589	General Material	4,916	Plumbing	10,096
Fellowship Hall Labor	2,772	Handicapped Lift	11,100	Rear Entryway	3,238
Fellowship Hall Materials	21,548	Heating System	55,894	Total	314,249
				(through Aug. 20, 1997)	

The Wish List

- * New Hall and Kitchen Windows -- \$600@
- * New Double Front Doors for Hall -- \$1200
- * Half-round Window over Hall Front Doors -- \$500
- * Front Doors for Center Addition -- \$2000
- * Half-round Window over Center Front Doors -- \$800
- * Back-lighting for the Two New "Interior" Stained-glass Windows -- \$500@
- * Folding Walls for Two Basement Rooms -- \$1200-1500@
- * New Carpet for all New & Renovated Areas -- \$10,000
- * Plants & Shrubs for Landscaping -- \$25 - \$100 - \$500
- * Pastor's Office Furniture -- \$2000
- * Kitchen Cabinets & Equipment -- (to be determined)
- * Equipping Sunday School Rooms -- \$50 - \$250 - \$1000

entrance, back-lighting for one of the interior stained-glass windows, and some equipment for our Sunday School rooms. Financial support of items on the Wish List in remembrance of loved ones can be a special way keeping their memories alive.

As mentioned above, the Fund Drive pledges to date total about \$180,000, quite a long way from the \$300,000+ needed to cover the costs of the renovation project. If we are to successfully complete the project, meet our financial obligations, and not permanently drain the resources from our Endowment Fund, there needs to be a better response to the Fund Drive than we have thus far



Drywall Work in the Hall

experienced. This fall, therefore, we will resume with new energy the Fund Drive Campaign, and attempt to reach the members and supporters of Bergen First who have not as yet responded to this need.