

# Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial

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To you the generous supporters of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial  
this Newsletter is dedicated.

By your gifts you have shown your appreciation for the literary, educational,  
and historical value of the work being done by the Memorial.

By your gifts you have acknowledged your interest in the continuance of the  
project.

By your gifts you have demonstrated your faith in the ability of the officers  
and board of governors to program the development of the Memorial and to lead the  
entire organization toward ultimate fulfillment of its goals.

By your gifts you have proved your belief in the four AIMS of the Memorial.

- A To secure the bonding, insurance and housing of a permanent art, literary,  
and historical collection relating to the life, time and work of Willa  
Cather.
- I To identify and restore to their original condition, places made famous  
by the writings of Willa Cather.
- M To provide for Willa Cather a living memorial in the form of art and  
literary scholarships.
- S To perpetuate an interest throughout the world in the work of Willa  
Cather.

When the Memorial was incorporated, the limited funds available barely  
allowed for operating expenses and for publication of a few hundred newsletters.  
Now as a result of the dramatic increase in contributions an active program for  
each of the four AIMS is being carried out. You, the friends and members of the  
Memorial, can take a great deal of pride in what your gifts have accomplished  
during the first six years, but most especially during 1960 as is illustrated in  
the following Financial report.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1960

Bank balance, Jan. 1, 1960	\$ 65.91
Total deposits, 1960	6,412.39
Total expenditures, 1960	5,891.49
Bank balance, Jan. 1, 1961	586.83

## SOURCES OF INCOME

Gross sales	536.28
Life and sustaining memberships and gifts	1,565.96
Rent and utility payments from Cather House	310.15
Loan for purchase of Cather House	4,000.00
Total deposits	<u>\$ 6,412.39</u>

#### EXPENDITURES

Building expense of Cather House and Memorial Bldg.	\$	68.30
Upkeep, secretarial and custodial		53.25
Utilities		186.63
Lease for present Museum area		180.00
Insurance		309.06
Current projects		15.43
Newsletter--printing and mailing		348.69
Scholarship		23.00
Supplies		65.58
Dues, taxes, postage, and freight		11.13
Publicity		22.75
Investment for resale (books, stationery, ceramics)		560.94
Purchase of Cather House		4,046.73
Total expenditures		\$ 5,891.49

#### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Memorial Building	\$	22,000.00
Cather House		7,500.00
Contents Cather Museum (exhibits, artifacts, etc.)		23,500.00
Inventory on hand Jan. 1, 1961 (retail value)		1,238.78
Total assets		\$ 54,238.78
Mortgage on Cather House		4,000.00
Net worth		\$ 50,238.78

#### INTANGIBLE PROPERTY

Repair of Cather House	\$	2,134.25
Paintings, books, artifacts		840.75
Materials contributed		75.50
Labor contributions estimated in excess of 1,000 hours at an average of \$2 per hour.		2,000.00
Total		\$ 5,050.50

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1961

Upkeep, secretarial, custodial	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities	720.00
Insurance	309.06
Newsletter, educational	448.69
Supplies	165.58
Postage, tax, freight, dues	86.13
Promotion, publicity	172.75
Preservation and restoration	177.75
Legal fees	100.00
Expansion of exhibits	500.00
Moving to new location	650.00
Lease on old location	180.00
Restoration of Memorial Building	10,000.00
Improvements and maintenance of Cather House	750.00
Scholarship	800.00
Interest on mortgage	240.00
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	\$ 16,299.96

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As you study the proposed budget for 1961, you can see what we intend to do this year. At the same time as you compare the budget with the financial report of 1960, you can see that these plans call for considerably more money.

We are happy to report that the J. M. McDonald Foundation, Inc. has already given \$5,000 to the building fund for the restoration of the Memorial Building (the Garber Bank Building). A proviso of this contribution is that the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial through the efforts of its membership match this grant. Foundation president, Mr. J. M. McDonald, Jr., expressed the hope that this initial grant will act as a stimulus to other similar organizations interested in educational projects. He further stated that if the \$5,000 contribution is properly administered and the membership makes a sustained effort to match it, future aid from the J. M. McDonald Foundation is a distinct possibility.

This then is the two-fold challenge--to match the \$5,000 McDonald grant, thus ensuring further contributions from the Foundation, and at the same time to meet the increased financial demands of our expanding organization.

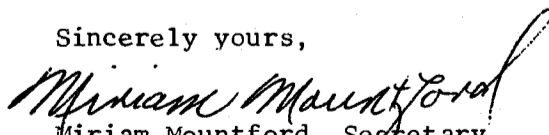
You can join with all the others rising to meet the challenge by making the contribution of your choice.

- (1) \$75 for your life membership in the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial
- (2) \$ 5 for your sustaining membership in the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial
- (3) \$ 1 for your share in matching the \$5,000 McDonald grant

Please mail your contribution today in the enclosed envelope. Please use the same envelope to mail your suggestions and ideas for consideration by the Board of Governors at their spring meeting in Red Cloud, May 20.

Josephine Frisbie  
Virginia Faulkner  
Dr. L. V. Jacks  
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Sincerely yours,

  
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