

Livermore, Iowa 50558  
Sept. 18, 1975

Hon. Clarence Carlson  
Members of the Town Council  
Livermore, Iowa 50558

Mr. Mayor and Council Members:-

The Livermore Bicentennial Commission met Monday evening, Sept. 15, and the future of the depot was discussed. It was reported that the Elevator has acquired this property and would give it to the Town of Livermore if there should be interest in preserving it.

The depot was inspected by a local committee and they deem it worthwhile to renovate -- recommending a new roof immediately and window replacement next. The depot will have to be moved but the site has not been decided. The preferable location would be the Wyman property across from Smith Lumber. The Wyman's have been approached about this project and seemingly were interested.

It is believed the cost of moving the structure would not be as high for this particular cause.

Des Moines architect, Wm. Wagner, who is interested in the preservation of landmarks, states it is unusual to have a two-story depot in a small town. The two-story structures were built in towns they speculated would grow.

Suggestions for its use were a museum, combination museum and library, town meeting hall and city offices. The restoration could be an on-going project for the Community.

The vote of the commission members present was 24 to 1 in favor of its preservation. They directed the secretary to write this letter informing the Mayor and Council of the favorable vote. It is now necessary to have the Council's action as to whether the Town accepts the depot from the Elevator for preservation. The local Bicentennial Committee would be willing to supervise the renovation if the Council so desires, as a phase of Livermore's Bicentennial Heritage program.

Matching funds are available for such projects from the State Bicentennial Commission but application must be made by Oct. 1 and these forms are complicated and require a specified purpose. Immediate consideration by the Council is necessary to meet the deadline for applying for these funds if the Council decides in favor of the depot's preservation.

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