

Historical Society members restore granary *April 28, 1986*



Franklin County Historical Society Members Lester Porter, foreground, and Kermit Grener resumed the Society's Granary project during a break in the weather this month.

The granary building at the Franklin County Historical Village in Weaver Park is presently being restored by local members of the Society.

The Granary was donated to the Village by the Dale

Sayre family, present owners of the former Bidwell farm.

The granary was built during the 1850's, and was moved to it's present site last fall.

The restoration of the structure to the quality and historical value of other buildings in the Village is precise, but time consuming. Sideboards of the structure, damaged by the normal aging process in a building of that age, are presently being replaced, one by one, from matching barn siding. Rotted areas in the supporting oak beams will be notched-out and filled in to match the weathered exterior.

Upon complete restoration, the "Bidwell" granary will add another aspect to the local Historical Village - a part of the rural roots from which our "Pride Community" has developed.