

## **For CLG application:**

### **Local Landmark Plan**

- The Commission plans to review the current National Register listings (*Jesse C. Bickle House, 1977, Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, 1979, Johnston/Muff-Algermissen House, 1977, Frank Rademacher House, 1980, T.J. Sokol Hall, 2003, College Hill Historic District, 1983, Doane College Historic District, 1977 and the Downtown Historic District, 2016*) and consider editing and amending those nominations to include properties that did not meet the age criteria at the time of their nominations.
- The Commission also plans to consider designating several local landmarks including such properties as the Chautauqua Park/Tuxedo Park site, the current Living Christmas Tree and commemorative bolder/ plaque that are located in City Park, and the very rare, prefabricated Lustron Lindberg House at 7<sup>th</sup> and Boswell. Although only one original building exists on the Chautauqua Park site, the original landscape design remains, and the park's history is linked significantly to the national Chautauqua movement in New York. Crete's Living Christmas tree symbolizes the 1923 birthplace of this national movement toward peace and understanding. The creator of this movement was Nebraska State Flag designer, Mrs. B.G. Miller of Crete. The 1949 Lustron house was one of only 2,500 assembled in the United States and one of just a few in Nebraska.

### **Survey Work Completed**

There has been substantial survey work done in Crete since the late 1970s creating a large inventory of properties significant to Crete's history. More than 200 Crete properties were identified via an organized reconnaissance survey of Saline County by the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) from 1977 to 1980. Two historic districts and four single properties were nominated and listed at that time. Crete's T.J. Sokol Hall was listed in 2003, and in 2015, the city was resurveyed by Alley Poyner, Macchietto Architecture, Inc, Omaha at the request of NSHS. Nearly 300 more properties were added to the inventory at that time bringing the total to 485. This new survey resulted in the nomination and listing of the Crete Downtown Historic District in 2016. The comprehensive inventory file for Crete properties is housed at NSHS. A copy is also housed in Crete. Additional site research has been ongoing by the Crete Heritage Society and a local historian to add more information to the data base.