

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Blizzard Cleanup - 1946. (Look familiar?) A Minnesota Highway Department rotary snowplow carves away at drifts on Moorhead's Center Avenue; Friday, Feb. 8, 1946. (See Page 7)

CCHS Highlights

By Gary H. Olson, President



As we look ahead to 1997 and our 61st year of collecting artifacts of Clay County historical significance, it is time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year!

We had a series of Facilities Board meetings which reviewed the signage needs on the street, grounds, outside and inside the building. The City of Moorhead agreed to pay \$1,000 for the internal and minor external signage needed. Many of the signs are now in place and the rest are nearing completion. CCHS produced a banner that hangs near the Center entrance on 1st Avenue. The design for a large sign on the site of the current HHIC monument near the street will be put out for bids and will be reviewed by the Facility Board. This major sign will be paid for by donations and/or a fund raiser.

Our membership has increased from 395 to 434 over the past year. Business memberships have increased from 22 to the present 36, just short of our goal to double it each year. Business memberships are available from \$50 and up. See a list of current business members on Page 9.

Our exhibit through April was "Votes for Women." This exhibit highlighted the women suffrage movement's 75th Anniversary. Also featured were "Moorhead, August 1923" an exhibit of photos from O.E. Flaten and "Old Ruby: Red River of the North."

Over 100 members and guests attended the Annual Banquet/Meeting with Archivist Mark Peihl giving the slide presentation "A History of Our History," reviewing 60 years of collecting.

The Center's 10th Anniversary celebration held on June 13 commemorated our move to this location in 1986. The 10-year lease, signed in 1995, promises many years to come in this wonderful facility.

Booths and displays at Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival and the Clay County Fair gave us some good public exposure in June. Our 1936 Buffalo Fire Truck promoted CCHS at a number of area parades and community functions.

Outreach displays at schools, libraries and community centers throughout the county were organized by Collections Manager Pam Burkhardt. Peihl gave many slide presentations to area service clubs and Margaret Ristvedt, Office Manager and Newsletter Editor, hosted
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Resource Center Web Site

The Heritage Resource Collaborative, comprised of 11 organizations, including CCHS, now has a Web Site. On this site a researcher can learn which local historical/research organizations have resources, what kind of resources, how to obtain the information and links to other genealogical web sites.

The Heritage Resource Center Web Site address is:
<http://www.atpfargo.com/hjem>.

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Weather items on CCHS "Wish List"

The Clay County Museum "How About That Weather?" exhibit opening in February (weather permitting) could use some help. We are looking for a number of items to add to the exhibit. Any of the following could be accepted for an extended exhibit loan or possible donation.

1. snowmobile suit - child's or adult
2. pair of moonboots - child's or adult
3. pair of "choppers" [mitts] - child's or adult
4. pair of electric socks (should be in good condition, but need not be in working order)
5. set of tire chains
6. studded snow tire
7. car antenna ball, with or without advertising (these, usually neon orange, styrofoam balls were placed on top of a car's antenna in the 1970s to alert drivers on side/main streets that a car was approaching from behind the snow drifts)
8. "toilet blocker" (these were sold locally in the early part of the last decade to keep toilets from backing up during heavy rains or floods)
9. croquet set, full-sized
10. "forecasting gadgets" such as a weather rock or rope, and a device which turns pink or blue or one of those little houses with a young girl



or witch who come out to predict fair or foul weather.

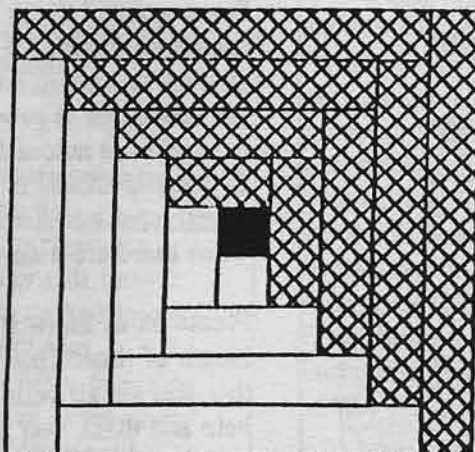
11. old almanacs (1896 and/or 1936 would be nice)
12. photos or home movies of blizzards or other weather events (1966 blizzard, the 1975 floods, 1995 wind storms, etc.)

Learn how to make a "Pleated Log Cabin Quilt"

Quilt class set for January 31 and February 1

Learn modern patchwork techniques while replicating an 1880s log cabin quilt from the Clay County Historical Society collections. All blocks made in class will be used to make a raffle quilt for Clay County Historical Society. The drawing will be held on December 7, 1997 at a Christmas Open House at the Clay County Museum.

The quilt class, taught by Kim Baird, will meet at the Clay County Museum, 202 1st Ave. N., Moorhead (lower level of the Hjemkomst Center) from 9:30 to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.



Attendance both days is encouraged but not required.

All levels of quilters, including beginners are encouraged to attend. Former participants are especially welcome. There is no fee for the class or supplies. Participants should bring a sewing machine, rotary cutter, and/or iron.

Lunch will be provided. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information call 233-4604.

Outreach Displays

Opens

Hitterdal Senior Center	Mar. 18
Ulen-Hitterdal High School	Mar. 18
Viking Manor, Ulen	Mar. 18
Hawley Public Library	Mar. 18
Glyndon Community Center	Mar. 19
Moorhead Public Library	Mar. 19
Barnesville Public Library	Mar. 19

The Hitterdal Senior Center will display **YESTERDAY'S MEDICINE** with a look at over 125 years of medical history in the county.

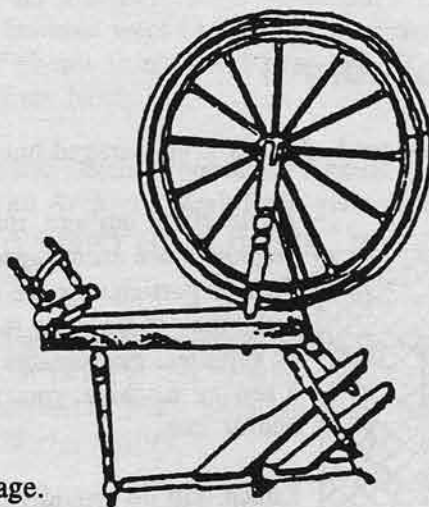
ROCKS OF AGES will open at the Ulen-Hitterdal High School library. This display looks at our [somewhat mobile] geology.

Viking Manor will feature the S.P. Wange photo display entitled **HAWLEY 1917**.

AROUND AND ABOUT HAWLEY will feature items from Hawley - past and present. [Happy quasiquicentennial!]

AROUND AND ABOUT GLYNDON will feature items from Glyndon - past and present. [Happy quasiquicentennial!]

Barnesville Public Library will be **SPINNING A YARN**. We take you from sheep to shawl while looking at the additions textile arts made to our language.



ON LINE: *Then and Now* photo exhibit: (New Address) http://www.gps.com/pioneer_spirit/then/then.htm#intro
(Thanks to Great Plains Software, Fargo)

Artifacts & Donors

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1996

Donors include:

Hawley: Carol Ekre, Lillian L. Johnson, Janet M. Dolva

Moorhead: Charles Hedelund, Greg L. Orvik, Maurice Floberg, Edith Moll, Charlotte Onstine

Fargo, ND: Mark Peihl

Artifacts:

(2) scrapbooks on Moorhead, drawings of steamboats by John C. Parker and Parker's letter about steamboat research and drawings; floor plans for the Elmwood Apartments (Moorhead) and Thomas Erdel's Moorhead home & business (the Rathskeller) along with receipts from the Rathskeller; (3) Glyndon high school annuals for 1952-54 and (2) Concordia College annuals for 1959 & 60; (22) Hawley HS annuals 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980-6, two 1987, 1989-96 & MSU annual 1988; railroad spike from Hawley area (pre 1910); jacket from American State Bank; Gary Hart & Bergland campaign buttons; WMSTR & Hawley Heritage Days pinback buttons; Eveready "B" battery; WW II uniforms belonging to Rainhart Christensen and Arthur M. Johnson.

Temporarily away ??

Many of our valued members have headed south for the winter. Good for you!!

Since our newsletter is sent non-profit bulk rate it cannot be forwarded. Therefore, unless a winter address or instructions to temporarily suspend sending the newsletter is provided directly to CCHS, your newsletter is automatically discarded by the Post Office and CCHS is billed 50 cents for each undelivered newsletter. This can add up pretty fast when there are a number of undeliverable newsletters.

Please let us know if you are going to be away for any length of time. This will save us money and assure that you get all your newsletters. We appreciate your help and thank you in advance for taking care of this matter.

100 Years Ago -----

Movies in Clay County

By Mark Peihl

When we imagine life in Clay County 100 years ago, many of us think of the photos of our great-grandparents, stiff-backed, staid, proper and scowling in uncomfortable looking clothes, or of hard working farmers and their harder working wives scratching out a living on remote, lonely homesteads. Actually, the 1890s were years of tremendous social and economic change, of rapid technological innovations, fashions that changed from season to season, a wide array of entertainments and fads. One-hundred years ago this May a surprising first occurred in Clay County which helps put the time in perspective - motion pictures were shown in the Fraternity Hall in Moorhead.

Movies were less than a year and a half old when they had their debut in the Red River Valley. As with many 1890s inventions, entrepreneurs quickly spread motion pictures throughout the world. On December 28, 1895, French brothers Auguste and Louis Lumiere had projected moving photographs to an amazed Paris audience - the first truly successful showing. Within 18 months, such films were being shown around the world - including in Clay County.

Motion pictures don't really move

What we see in a theater is actually a series of still images flashing one after another so quickly that we see the illusion of motion. In the early 1880s, Eadweard Muybridge had set up a row of many cameras at a race track with a trip wire leading to each shutter. A horse running by broke the wires taking many photos of itself. Much was learned from Muybridge's experiments about the way animals actually move. But it didn't take a genius to place paper prints of the running horse in a stack and flip through them giving the illusion of motion.

"Peep Shows"

In 1894, the prolific Thomas Edison laboratories in New Jersey began producing and selling the Kinetoscope, a box the size of a small refrigerator containing a long strip of film with many still images on it. A customer put a nickel in a slot, looked into a small window and turned a crank. Before him appeared a minute long motion picture, often featuring a boxing match, dancing young women or entertainers from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Edison sold many Kinetoscopes in the first year. They were

popular in arcades, dime museums and saloons (not surprising given the nature of the films) but like so many 1890s fads, the novelty soon wore off. Edison lost money on the "peep shows" and moved on to other projects.

The Kinetoscopes were bulky and expensive and housed in less than wholesome locations. But their main drawback was that only one person at a time could view the show. In the 1600s, a Dutch inventor had devised a way to project images painted on glass onto a wall. These "magic lanterns" were much like our slide projectors and were popular in classrooms and for illustrated lectures. Through the 1880s and '90s, many missionaries and travelers entertained residents of Barnesville, Hawley and other Clay County towns with glass photographic slides - some hand colored - of distant lands and exotic sights. Even Moorhead photographer O. E. Flaten made slides of some of his views from the late 1870s to show local folks what things looked like "in the old days."

But it was the Lumieres who combined Edison's moving pictures and a projection device. The combination was a phenomenal hit. By spring of 1896 similar devices were showing up around the US. Within a year several hundred projectors were in use, many by itinerant showmen traveling from town to town. Hawaii had its first show in February 1897. Phoenix, Arizona Territory followed soon after. So did Clay County.

"Marvelous Cinematoscope"

The front page of the May 21, 1897 *Moorhead Independent* advertised the coming arrival of the "Marvelous Cinematoscope. The people of Moorhead will for three nights next week have an opportunity of witnessing the wonderful work of the cinematoscope...This exhibition of moving or animated pictures has caused the greatest interest wherever exhibited." Admission would be 15, 25 and 35 cents, depending on the seat in the newly completed Fraternity Hall in the Gletne Block on the corner of Front Street (Center Avenue) and 4th Street. (That's fairly steep when an average yearly salary was about \$550.)

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Clay County's first movies were shown in May 1897 in The Fraternity Hall, upstairs in the Gletne Block, Northeast corner of Moorhead's Front Street (Center Avenue) and 4th Street..

Flaten/Wange Collection

Movies (Continued from Page 5)

Lots of "live" entertainment in pre-television days

Moorhead's Fraternity Hall, like the Opera House before it, had been the venue for lots of traveling minstrel acts, vaudeville shows and magic lantern displays. In those pre-television days, many such entertainments were held practically nightly. The "Cinemascope's" debut night (Monday May 24) was no exception. There was a lecture at Concordia College, senior recitals at the Moorhead State Normal School, a traveling merry-go-round set up and entertainments at the Y. M. C. A. and other activities in Fargo. As a result (and possibly the *Moorhead Independent's* habit of exaggerating the quality of some shows) the turnout was slight. But those who showed up were treated to an eye popping experience.

"..... delightful, amazing and startling"

The *Moorhead Daily News* called it "...probably one of the best shows that has appeared in Moorhead, and we believe the northwest, for some time... It was, to say the least, delightful, amazing and startling." Eighteen one-minute films kept the viewers enthralled.

Between the features the projectionist played selections on another wonder of the day, Edison's Concert Micro-Phonograph. The *Daily News* said, "the best piece probably being the chimes of Trinity church, New York. The bells were heard as distinctly and sweetly as though one were in the immediate vicinity of them only, of course, not so loud." Local piano player and bakers' apprentice Hugo Strub played several selections, too, but the main attraction was the films.

"The Cinematoscopic pictures are marvels of realism and beauty; in fact when the Black Diamond express came thundering around a curve on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at the rate of sixty miles an hour, some of those nearest the stage made an attempt to rise, being carried away for the moment by the thought that the train was going to run off the stage and into the audience. This picture was probably the most natural of any and an encore was demanded and the scene reproduced. Another splendid picture was the burning stable. An encore was demanded and this scene was also reproduced. Great volumes of smoke issued from the burning building as the firemen rescued the horses and hauled out the wagons." Another popular clip featured an old black woman giving a squirming child a bath. Different films were shown the next nights.

Rave reviews fill the house

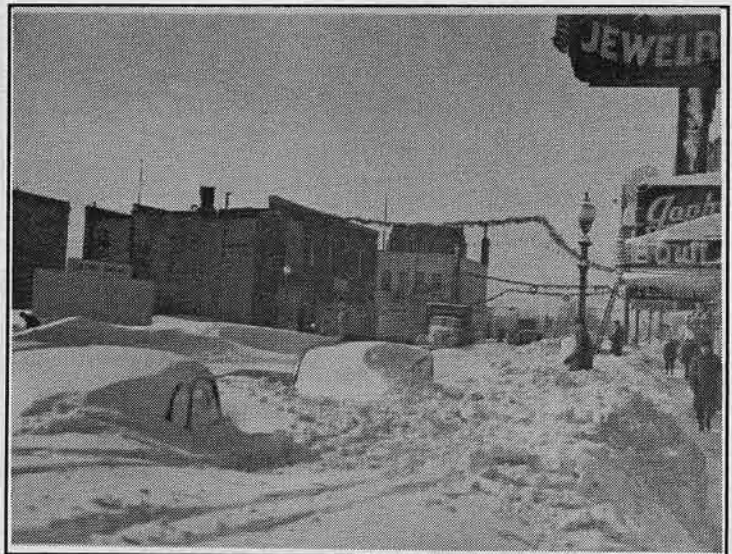
The *Daily News'* rave review brought filled houses the following nights and more Clay County residents went home astonished. Bartender John Berg said, "I should not have attended the show last night if I had not seen the *News*. Just say for me I am more than satisfied. These scientists are getting things down to a very fine point." Judge Peter Odegaard claimed, "The entertainment last night at the Fraternity Hall was better than on Monday. I am going again tonight."

Motion pictures continued as a novelty for several years. After 1907, though, films began carrying narrative stories like stage plays and became the art form we know today. In 1913 H. A. Leek opened the Lyceum theater on Moorhead's 4th Street, just across from the Fraternity Hall where it all started.

The flicks have been playing in Clay County ever since.

Cover Photo - 1946 Blizzard

On Tuesday night (Feb. 5) and Wednesday (Feb. 6) 50 mile-per-hour winds had drifted 10 inches of snow into 10 foot drifts in Clay County towns. Although one of the Valley's worst blizzards, the storm moved slowly and gave plenty of warning. No lives were lost.



Before the cleanup!

Weather Trivia

The United States Weather Bureau was established on February 9, 1870.

Early American Historical Trade & Craft Fair set for Feb. 14-16

The Plainsmen Black Powder Club will sponsor a trade and craft fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14-16, at the Playmakers Pavilion, 2525 9th Ave. SW, Fargo. There will be a slight twist from the craft fair norm however, since all of the trades and crafts displayed and demonstrated at the Fair will be from the 1700 and 1800s.

For close to 25 years the Plainsmen members have been gathering to celebrate the lifestyles of yesterday. Black Powder shooting and 1800s style living including camping, costuming and crafts are some of what this interesting pastime includes.

Crafts and historical information seminars during the weekend will include gun smithing, flint knapping, braintanning, historical clothing (both leather and cloth), spinning, trade silver and trade beads, Indian rawhide containers (parfleches), blacksmithing and primitive fire starting. Sixty-five tables have already been reserved.

The Plainsmen Black Powder Club will celebrate their 25th Anniversary this spring at an annual Rendezvous near Kindred, ND. For more information on the Historical Trade and Craft Fair or the Rendezvous call Dave Zaeske at 701-232-2724.



Billboard promotes new exhibit at Clay County Museum

The Russ Honda Nissan organization has developed a community billboard program to provide an opportunity for non-profits organizations to promote an event or activity. The copy below promoting the new Clay County Museum weather exhibit will appear

on the Russ Honda Nissan billboard at two locations in Fargo in February. A great big thank you to Russ Honda Nissan!!

EXHIBIT OPENS FEB. 23

*How about
that Weather?*

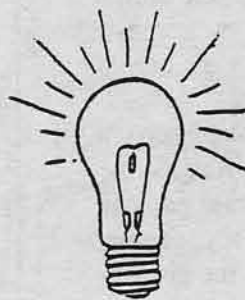
CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM

1997 Dates to Remember

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| Feb. 23 - | "How About That Weather?" opens in Clay County Museum (Weather permitting) |
| Jan. 31
& Feb. 1 | Quilting Class at Clay County Historical Society (See Page 3) |
| Apr. 10 | CCHS Annual Meeting/Banquet |
| June 26-27 | Bergquist Cabin Open House in conjunction with the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival |
| June 26-29 | Clay County Fair at Barnesville |
| Dec. 7 | CCHS Christmas Open House and Quilt Raffle Drawing |

Newsletter ideas sought

Do you have a favorite topic or area of special interest that you would like to know more about?



If there is something of general interest you have been wondering about, drop us a line and we will try to cover it in a future newsletter.

History has so many interesting stories. Let us know which ones you want to hear!

CCHS Memberships - New and Renewals

November/December 1996

CCHS extends a very special thank you to the following individuals who have renewed their membership for another year.

Deloris A. Mellon, Minneapolis
 Scott Onstine, Arizona
 William Nelson, Ohio
 Zona Mathison, Moorhead
 Dr. & Mrs. Don Bentley, Hawley
 Denis Holen, Hawley
 Charlotte Onstine, Moorhead
 Leona & Arnold Anderson, Hawley
 Case Corporation, Fargo
 John & Audrey Elton family, Hawley
 Korsmo Funeral Service Inc., Moorhead
 John Young Jr., Hawley
 Gertrude Knutson, Moorhead
 Ruth Swanson, Moorhead
 Dewey Olson, Moorhead
 Robert Olson, Moorhead

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 Helen M. Anton, West Fargo
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 Thelma Wegner, Moorhead
 Bev Woodward, Fargo
 Bernice Peihl, Authur, ND
 M/M James Stenerson, Moorhead
 Sellin Brothers, Inc., Hawley
 Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead
 Vincent & Shirley Haugen, Moorhead
 Darlene M. Rustad, West Fargo
 Ardis VanRoey, Terrytown, LA
 Moorhead Mid-Day Lions Club, Moorhead
 Ellen & Chris Velline, Torrance, CA
 Katherine Mentjes, LeCenter
 Cass Clay Creamery, Inc., Fargo

CCHS welcomes the following new members:

Hawley Public Schools, Hawley
 State Bank of Hawley, Hawley
 The Rapat Corporation, Hawley
 Hannaher's Inc., Moorhead
 Shirley & Alden Knatterud, Moorhead
 Fevig Oil Company, Inc., Felton
 City of Hawley, Hawley
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 Tenneco Packaging, Moorhead
 Michael J. Burns, Architect LTD, Moorhead
 Coast to Coast Hardware, Moorhead
 Fisher Farms, Glyndon
 Delores Rogers, Barnesville
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 Michael Farrell, Barnesville
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 Joan Sprague, San Diego, CA
 Kathie Burud, Barnesville
 Elsie Krabbenhoft, Barnesville

Business Memberships

Thank You to the following businesses and organizations for their support!!!

PATRON (\$200 - \$499)

Case Corporation, Fargo

SUSTAINING MEMBERS (\$100 to \$199)

City of Hawley, Hawley
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 Tenneco Packaging, Moorhead
 United Electric Serv. & Supply, Inc, Fgo
 Vikingland Kiwanis, Moorhead
 Ward Muscatell Auto, Moorhead
 Wright Awning Company, Moorhead
 Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead

Presidential Trivia



Lincoln's Birthday,
February 12

- ◆ George Washington had to borrow money to pay for the trip to his inauguration.
- ◆ Twenty-four of our Presidents were attorneys.
- ◆ George Washington made \$25,000 a year as President; George Bush made \$200,000.
- ◆ John Adams was the first President to live in the White House.
- ◆ Eleanor Roosevelt served hot dogs to the King of England.
- ◆ Abigail Fillmore refused to move into the White House until it was furnished with a Bible and a bathtub.
- ◆ Most Presidents and First Ladies have slept in separate rooms during their years in the White House.
- ◆ Ronald Reagan was the oldest man to be inaugurated as President; he was 69.
- ◆ John F. Kennedy was the youngest man to be elected President; he was 43.
- ◆ George Bush was the first sitting Vice-President to be elected to the Presidency since Martin Van Buren did it in 1836.

- ◆ Abraham Lincoln was the first President born outside the original 13 states.
- ◆ Eleanor Roosevelt was the first First Lady to vote in a Presidential election.
- ◆ Six Presidents have had the name "James" (Carter, Garfield, Buchanan, Polk, Monroe, Madison).
- ◆ James Madison was the shortest President (5'4").
- ◆ Abraham Lincoln was the tallest (6'4").
- ◆ John F. Kennedy was the first President born in the 20th Century.
- ◆ The picture of Abraham Lincoln on the \$5 bill pictures him in 1864 at the age of 55.
- ◆ George Washington had lost all his teeth by the time he was 57.
- ◆ Howard Taft was our heaviest President; he weighed 332 pounds.
- ◆ At White House meals, the President is served first, and no one can leave the table before him.
- ◆ James Buchanan was the only President who never married.
- ◆ Dwight Eisenhower was the first President to hold a televised news conference.
- ◆ Theodore Roosevelt campaigned to make football less dangerous.

Highlights (Continued from Page 2)

two tours. Tours included a one-day trip to the Minnesota History Center and the Science Museum and an "overnighter" to New Ulm, St. Peter and the "American Smithsonian 150th Anniversary" exhibit at the St. Paul Civic Center.

During 1997, if you have any artifacts or collections that you would like to donate to CCHS to further preserve the history of the County, please contact one of our staff. They will discuss it with you and work out the details.

All of us need to encourage our relatives, friends and neighbors living in Clay County and those that have moved away, but have roots here, to become active CCHS members. Only \$15 per individual and \$35 per family is a very reasonable rate.

Our Endowment Fund, which is administered by the FM Area Foundation is awaiting your financial support. The current balance of over \$6,900 needs to grow to over one million dollars in the next 10 years. Only the interest earned each year will be used to

support programs and exhibits! In your estate planning you can gift an insurance policy, stock, bonds, real estate or an outright cash donation to the CCHS Endowment Fund. Contact our staff or Board of Directors for details!

Monetary Donations

November/December 1996

Dewey Hanson, Deer Park, WA
Northern Lights Chapter EGA, Fargo
East Clay County Branch 843, Lutheran Brotherhood
Helen Euren, Moorhead
Anonymous
ND State University Development Foundation, Fargo
Katherine Mentjes, LeCenter

Endowment Fund Donations

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E. Robert Olson, Moorhead

CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM

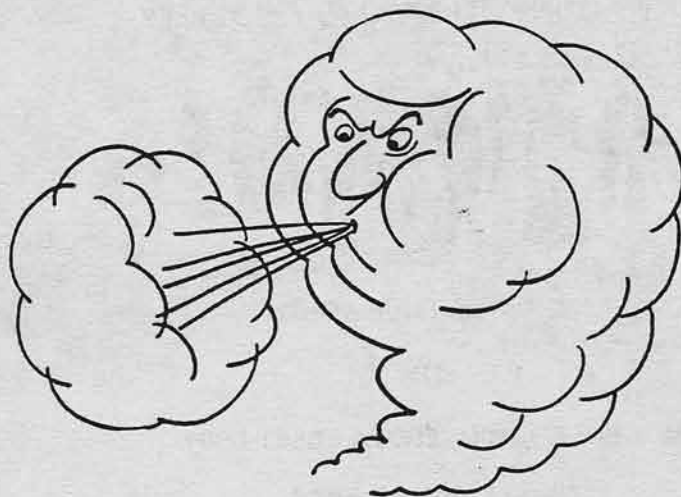
 features

a major new exhibit:

"How About That Weather?"

★ Grand Opening Feb. 23

What is unique about Clay County weather? How do folks cope with our weather extremes - both hot and cold? How do we predict weather? Our new weather exhibit will try to answer these and many more questions. Several hands-on activities in this major new exhibit.



PERMANENT EXHIBIT includes unique characterizations of one facet of the history of towns in the county. Together they form a chapter in the overall history of Clay County.

Hours are: 9-5 Mon.-Sat., 9-9 Thurs. 12-5 Sun.
Lower level of Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Ave. N., Mhd. - FREE ADMISSION

CCHS Business Membership

- ☐ . \$ 50 to \$99 . Supporting Member
- ☐ . \$ 100 to \$199 Sustaining Member
- ☐ . \$ 200 to \$499 Patron
- ☐ . \$ 500 and up . Major Exhibit Sponsor

As a CCHS Business Member you will receive all benefits of an individual membership plus a certificate ready to frame and display, extra complimentary passes to the Hjemkomst Center's exhibits and a listing in all CCHS bi-monthly Newsletters. To become a CCHS Business Member please return this form or a facsimile to CCHS, Box 501, Moorhead, MN 56561-0501 or call 233-4604.

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Phone #: _____

CCHS - 1997 Membership

I would like to become a member of Clay County Historical Society.

☐ INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 ☐ FAMILY \$35.00 ☐ Donation

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- * Support preservation of our heritage
- * Bi-monthly newsletter
- * Discount on Acid-Free Materials
- * FREE Admission to Clay County Museum & Archives and two complimentary passes to the Center's Exhibits
- * Discount on Photo Reproduction
- * Voting Privileges
- * Invitation to all CCHS events

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