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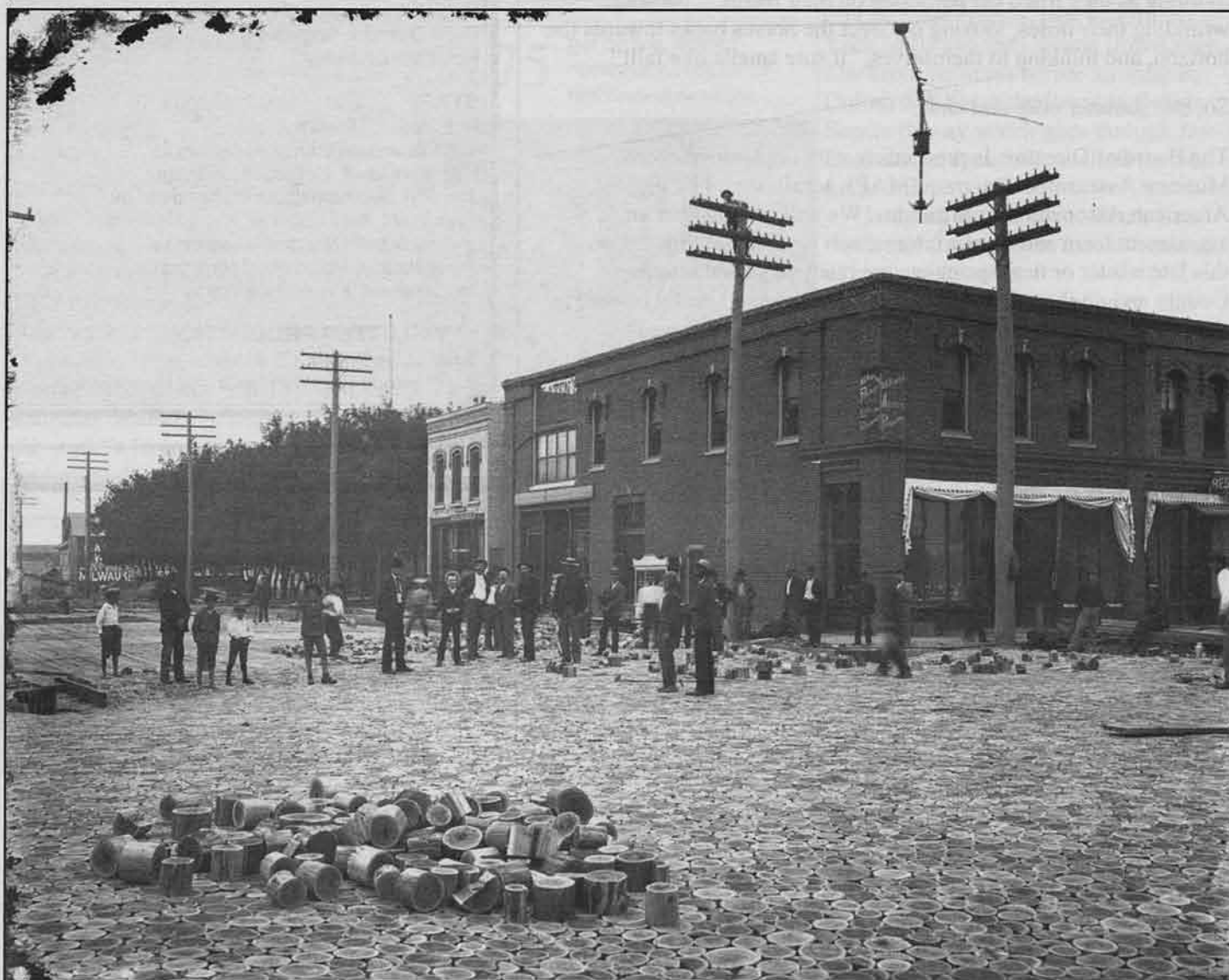
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President's Column

By Dale White, CCHS Board President

Step outside these mornings—we need no calendar. All our senses tell us that autumn is approaching. One wonders if our Clay County ancestors of a hundred years ago felt the changing of seasons with the same awe, anticipation, or trepidation as we do.



Both my grandfathers and a great grandfather lived in Clay in 1905. Old stories tell me that they were always just plain too busy to be contemplative. But I don't know....I could almost see them this morning as they lifted the harnesses on their teams....pausing, wrinkling their noses, looking out over the horses backs towards the horizon, and thinking to themselves, "It sure smells like fall!"

So, late summer odds and ends:

The Board of Directors is proceeding with implementation of the Museum Assessment Program (MAP), administered by the American Association of Museums. We will put together an assessment team and do our internal self assessment this fall, so this late winter or next spring we are ready to go out into the County and do the public assessment component. I really believe the knowledge we gain will ultimately lead to an improved historical society.

I am looking forward to the program the evening of Tuesday, September 20. Steve Hoffbeck of MSUM will present "Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota," for CCHS Members and the public at 7:00 p.m. at the Hjemkomst Center. See the facing page for details.

Remember the CCHS History Tour on September 22 and 23, this year to Duluth. Certainly two of the highlights will be the luncheon cruise of Lake Superior and the ride along the Lake on the North Shore Scenic Railroad. Members sign up by August 19.

A BIG Thank You!!

We would like to specially thank Lloyd and Bev Paulson, CoCo Paulson, and Jim Bjorklund for glass shelves donated by Moorhead Drug to CCHS in July! The shelves are of very good quality and will be used in the hallway display case. Their availability will increase the number and variety of artifacts we can display there. Thank you!



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Join us on a "Superior" Duluth Tour!

As reported in the May/June Newsletter, Duluth will be the destination of the next CCHS History Tour! September 22 and 23, CCHS Members will enjoy a scenic excursion to this historic port town.

All attractions fees, meals, accommodation and bus fare are included in the \$175 per person tour price. The price is based on double occupancy and cancellation policy applies.

Deadline for registration is August 19.

This is the perfect time to see the natural beauty of northeastern Minnesota, especially the vibrant fall colors that are abundant this time of year. One of the highlights of the trip will be a leisurely fall colors brunch cruise on Lake Superior aboard one of Duluth's premier sightseeing cruise lines, the Vista Fleet!

Other activities include tours of the US Army Corps of Engineers Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center, S.S. William A. Irvin, and US Coast Guard Vessel Sundew. We will also visit the Karpeles Manuscript Museum, one of the world's largest private holdings of important documents and manuscripts



Vista Fleet Cruise Boat, Aerial Lift Bridge, and North Shore Railroad Train along Lake Superior in Duluth, Minnesota. Visit Duluth/Sequest Photography

\$175 per person, double occupancy, August 19 registration deadline.



Tour participants with guide at the Custer House at Fort Abraham Lincoln, Mandan, ND, on the April 2004 Lewis & Clark Tour.

ranging from the fields of history, music, science, literature and art. A scenic ride on the North Shore Scenic Railroad will take tour-goers seven miles along Lake Superior and through wooded areas and over two scenic bridges to the Lester River.

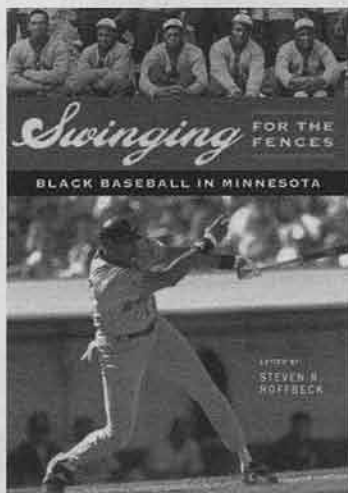
The tour will depart from the Hjemkomst Center Thursday morning, Sept. 22 and travel along Highways 10 and 210, passing through glacial lakes areas and Pillsbury, Savanna and Fond du Lac State Forests, past historic New York Mills and the Cuyuna Iron Range. The last nine miles before arriving in Duluth will be on the Rushing Rapids Scenic Byway which goes through Jay Cooke State Park and parallels the St. Louis River.

Lodging will be at the Black Bear Hotel and Casino, with the convenience of baggage handling.

We hope you will join us on this exciting trip! Call Lisa to make your reservation now!

CCHS Tour Refund Policy: Cancellations made after the registration deadline are subject to surrender of 30% of the published tour price.

Black Baseball in Minnesota program



Using personal interviews, baseball scrapbooks, and accounts of games from sundry small-town newspapers, a team of nine authors have spun true tales of masterful pitching, artful catching, and clutch hitting in the recently released book *Swinging For The Fences: A History of Black Baseball in Minnesota*.

Editor and Minnesota State University, Moorhead history professor Steve Hoffbeck, will talk about the book and its stories in a program at the Clay County Historical Society, Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$2 admission charge for non-members.

Baseball has been America's game since the 1860s. *Swinging For The Fences: A History*

of Black Baseball in Minnesota tells about the struggles and victories of sixteen ballplayers over a span of 150 years. The book chronicles the hardships of integrating baseball and the relentless demands of life on the road, but also the joys of summer on a ball diamond.

It is not just about box scores, bunts and horsehide, it is also about overcoming barriers, personal tragedies and broken dreams. *Swinging For The Fences* conveys an epic story—the history of the black athlete's struggle to overcome the color line in baseball as well as the struggle to deal with fame and fortune after the color barrier was lifted.

Join us Sept. 20 for the "inside" story!

Outreach Displays

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Hawley Public Library	August	October
Moorhead Public Library	August	October
Barnesville Public Library	August	October
Fargo CVB	April	October

The Hawley Public Library celebrates the summer months with A CENTURY OF CYCLES – the bicycle in Clay County – with photos and artifacts.

The Moorhead Public Library features OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY! with photos and baby-related artifacts.

MASH NOTES - a display about the "a-peeling" potato - visits the Barnesville Public Library for Potato Days! Artifacts include potato mashers, a potato basket and liner as well as items from previous Potato Days.



Visitors can see what's FUN IN THE SUN in Moorhead and Fargo this summer with a display at the Convention and Visitors' Bureau that takes tourists to the ballgame, parks and fishing and swimming!



If you happen to be at the FargoDome look for a display about the Hjemkomst Center in a display case shared between CCHS and HHIC.

IN-HOUSE DISPLAYS

Quilts will be the special display in the atrium hall case beginning in August. This will be a local complement to the Quilt National exhibit in Heritage Hall which runs through September.

A display of Beulah Forness' exquisite, hand-decorated china can be appreciated in the lobby area of the Hjemkomst Center. Forness teaches china-painting classes in the Senior Center wing of the Hjemkomst Center Tuesday mornings.

Recent Acquisitions

May/June 2005

Donors include:

Moorhead: MSUM students, LeVoyne Littlefield
Barnesville: Elaine Olson
Glyndon: Don Lien
Granite Falls, WA: Ted Peddycord
Tyler, TX: Roy Olson

Artifacts: photocopy of memoir *This Old House* dated May 1991 by Julia Klokseth Olson (1904-Jan. 2005); photo postcard of the Barnesville Tourist Camp postmarked 1928; price list for Pederson Mercantile Co., Moorhead dated Fall 1910; *The Tokns Project: An Oral History of Hispanic Immigrants to the Red River Valley* ed. Leah Kroger, May 2005; scrapbook (1949-1963) of the Leornian* League – a Barnesville study group comprised of young women; (3) boxes materials related to Moorhead Schools late 1940s-mid 1980s; Lesota Tool Co. fire extinguisher and wall bracket, box of Durkee Sesame Seeds.

**Leornian* might have been taken from *ge-leornian* – an Anglo-Saxon word meaning to learn or inquire. If you have any information on this League, please get in touch with the museum.

Baseball's Beginnings in Clay County

By Pam Burkhardt, CCHS Collections Manager

The FM RedHawks team celebrates its 10th Northern League season this year at Newman Field near the Fargo Dome. Clay County grew up with baseball. Watching local teams was a favorite pastime. Because Sabin had such an outstanding baseball team in the early 1900s, it was chosen as the theme for Sabin's section in CCHS's 1986 permanent exhibit.

The Civil War did much to bring baseball to our area. Eastern players introduced Midwestern volunteers to the game when relaxing between engagements. One of the earliest accounts of baseball in Clay County appears in the Aug. 26 edition of the 1872 *Red River Gazette* published in Glyndon. Baseball was written as two words at this time.

Glyndon challenges Moorhead to play a game of base ball at this place on October first, the day of the County Fair. The winning club to have bat and ball, and a blue ribbon.

The county had been formally settled barely a year before, but the editor saw no need to explain the rules. The October 16 edition reveals the outcome as well as the editor's enthusiasm.

We omitted last week to crow over the beating our boys gave the Moorheaders at base ball the day of the Fair. To be sure they made the best show at the Fair but what's that compared to a game of base ball?

Baseball, having arrived, enjoyed such popularity that nearly every community had its own baseball team. Some towns had first and second teams with townships forming their own. The village of Stockwood and the Township of Humboldt both had two teams. Team formation wasn't complicated. In 1895,

the Barnesville paper reported Martin Peck [Prairie View Township, Wilkin County] "pulled out of regular nine and organized a club . . . under the euphonious title of 'The Cowpunchers.'" The *Clay County Herald* of June 12, 1905 told us the "young boys of northern Cromwell [Township] have been talking of organizing a ball nine. This ought to be an easy matter as there is any amount of material to pick up from." By July 21, the new Cromwell White Star team had won 4 of their 6 games.

Challenges were thrown out and eagerly accepted between the regular teams and ad hoc ones represented by businesses and professional men. In 1884, a challenge made by the Moorhead lawyers was accepted by the Fargo bar members. The result was a parade of forty carriages preceded by a band and mounted police officers. Several chaplains and eight surgeons were among those who assisted on the field. The mayor proclaimed martial law from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with all businesses closed. Dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel followed. No score for the game was published. In August of 1904, the Downer fans beat the elevator carpenters 25 to 3.



A photo taken July 5, 1909 show one of the best teams in the county. From the early 1900s to WWI, the Sabin baseball team owed its success to local talent. Pictured are: Jack Herman, Fred Scheel, Leonard Johnk, Hubert Malchose, Herman Heidinger, Ernest Schroeder, Hank Kuehl, Bert Johnson and Rudy Johnk. Additional Sabin players through the years were Hank and Pete Nokken, Lute and Fred Evert, Art Hill, Alvin Johnson Martin Schimmele and Al and Bill Ferris.

Baseball, continued

Sabin was organized in 1887 with the same intensity other area towns had for business and activity. John C. Hudson's *Plains Country Towns* says the urge to formally organize things was a part of the make-up of the character of the people and the times, with baseball teams a good example:

Baseball rivalries seem to have emerged as soon as a group of neighboring towns could field separate teams. The sporting drama clearly reflected an underlying need to prove one's own town superior in all things.

Sabin's amateur team played small area towns and Barnesville, a semi-professional team belonging to the Red River Valley League. The League, formed in 1915, included Lake Park, Frazee, Ada and, later, Hawley. Sabin, as with other teams, occasionally found it necessary to raise the level of their game by hiring one or two players. Fait and Murphy were reported as playing for Sabin for one game "at heavy expense." Bert Johnson and Gilly Nokken were also paid professionals on the team. During the 1910's, Rudy Johnk and later Cris (Lefty) Kuehl were the star "twirlers" or pitchers for the team. Later, pitchers were called "hurlers."

Up to World War I, Sabin had one of the best teams in the area. As usual, hot rivalries would develop between Sabin and other teams - in this case between Baker, Downer, and Sabin. *The Barnesville Headlight* reported in 1916, "during the games between Barnesville and Sabin for the past two years, Baker and Downer enthusiasts fairly filled the sidelines...and offered support against Sabin."

The Barnesville Headlight got into the spirit of things with headlines and colorful copy, "Sabin Gluttonous with Victories Falls Before Barnesville Players":

The strong Sabin team which has been crushing the teams in its vicinity into one palpitating mass and roaming the plains like hordes of barbarians, taking every team's scalp and gluttonous with victories, met a decisive check here last Sunday afternoon... with the Barnesville Titans who drove back the unsubdued Sabinites by a victory of 8 to 1.

Record success at the Bergquist Cabin

This year's Open House at the 1870 Bergquist Log Cabin in north Moorhead was a record success! About 141 people visited the cabin, one of the largest attendances ever, and visitors donated \$94 to help with cabin maintenance expenses.

The State Bank of Moorhead again sponsored the shuttle bus that helped guests get to the cabin from the Scandinavian Festival at the Hjemkomst Center, our own Pam Burkhardt donated a bobbin lace woven heart basket in Icelandic colors for the door prize, McDonald's of Moorhead supplied orange drink for the refreshments, and Zandbroz Variety Store in Fargo donated Dakota Soda Fountain gift certificates for kids' door prizes.

Big thanks to our sponsors and special thanks to Ruth Franzen and Karen Hearnen for their invaluable help in planning and to the volunteers from the Swedish Society of the Red River Valley who helped demonstrate crafts and greet visitors!

Baseball, continued

There were no more than 16 miles separating the four towns and autos were used for transportation. It was also stated that because of this expenses were not heavy and all one needed was a few afternoon hours. At a game between Baker and Sabin, two "rooters had a fight with the Sabin rooter returning home with a "smoked window" [black eye] as a memento of the game."

Sabin held a benefit dance in 1916 and raised \$108 for new uniforms. The publicity explained that the "Maroon Armor" had seen 108 games of wear. The first field was located northeast of the railroad tracks and eventually had a grandstand. When the grandstand blew down, the field moved to the west side of town. Few games were played in 1917 due to the war (WWI) and a lack of other teams. After the war, the enthusiasm for baseball in Sabin as in other towns gradually transferred to softball.

More about baseball on page 15...

Probstfield Organic Gardens season review

By Gretchen Harvey, PFLHF, Inc. Board Member

By all accounts, extreme weather patterns this year have been a big headache for area farmers and gardeners. But from the looks of the plots in the Probstfield Organic Community Gardens, enthusiasm and dedication are running high, making for a successful second season.

In addition to over 40 garden plots being tended, volunteers help maintain an asparagus bed and two types of raspberries. We have also planted 100 strawberry plants this year in an effort to add to our perennial gardens. The remaining



acreage in the Gardens area is planted with a nitrogen-fixing cover crop. Future plans for the Gardens include adding more plots, perennials, and select fruit trees.

Community Gardens are much more than places for kitchen gardeners to grow vegetables for their own tables—they often serve as catalysts that bring communities together, protect green spaces in urban environments, encourage healthy lifestyles, and provide opportunities for a wide array of community service and interaction. Several gardeners at the Probstfield Organic Community Gardens share in this wider vision by growing food for the Great Plains Food Bank; teaching skills to adults with disabilities; providing service learning activities for local youth; and teaching good nutrition to patients with specific health concerns.

In addition to sharing the mission of the American Community Gardening Association “to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada,” the Probstfield Organic Community Gardens is also dedicated to the mission of historic preservation adopted by the Probstfield Living History Farm Foundation, Inc. The Probstfield family farm has a rich history of diversified farming practices and horticultural experimentation.

As the Probstfield Organic Community Gardens continues to grow, we hope it can become an ideal site for learning more about historic agricultural practices, crop experimentation, and historic or heirloom plants.

If you would you like to be on the mailing list for The Friends of the Probstfield Organic Community Gardens, contact Gretchen Harvey at harvey@cord.edu or, P.O. Box 412, Moorhead, 56561.

Help PARADE Magazine Tell America's Story

Press Release

You might have driven by the crumbling apartment complex without giving it a thought. But from 1949 to 1953, Lauderdale Courts in Memphis was home to the teenage Elvis Presley.

He played guitar in the laundry room, performed in the courtyards and heard the best blues musicians in the world nearby on Beale Street. It was here that Elvis developed the style that would make him a rock legend and cultural icon throughout the world.

There are significant historical and cultural sites in communities across America. Many, however, are neglected or unknown. That's why PARADE, in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, invites you to enter the “Tell America's Story” Preservation Award contest. Over the next several months, we want to hear about places in your community where history may have happened. They can be connected to individuals, groups or events that helped shape our history and culture in the visual and performing arts, science, government, sports, business, innovation, the law, public affairs, education, pop culture, even crime and scandal. Buildings, parks, street corners—any place that has a story to tell about our nation's rich past—will be considered.

A panel of judges, including representatives from PARADE and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will select winners based on the site's importance and the story behind it. Ten national winners will receive plaques that describe what happened at the site; 50 other winners will receive framed certificates. The best stories will be featured at www.parade.com on the Web and in PARADE.

By helping us to tell America's story, you'll keep history alive, build pride in your community and pass on a rich legacy to future generations Americans.



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If you don't have access to the Web, call CCHS at 218-299-5520 to have the forms sent to you.



A lineman dangles from a pole while working on telephone wires. According to newspaper accounts, Fargo's Northwestern Telephone Exchange (which provided phone service to Moorhead) had installed a number of crooked poles along Center Avenue. Moorhead Mayor Arthur G. Lewis objected to their appearance. Here a company workman installs the lines on new (but still pretty crooked!) poles.

Photos within Photos

By Mark Peihl, CCHS Archivist

Photographs can be tremendous tools for learning about the past. Part of our current exhibit, *Inside, Outside, Upside Down*, looks at how we study photos to see what we can learn from them.

Images can document events, activities or

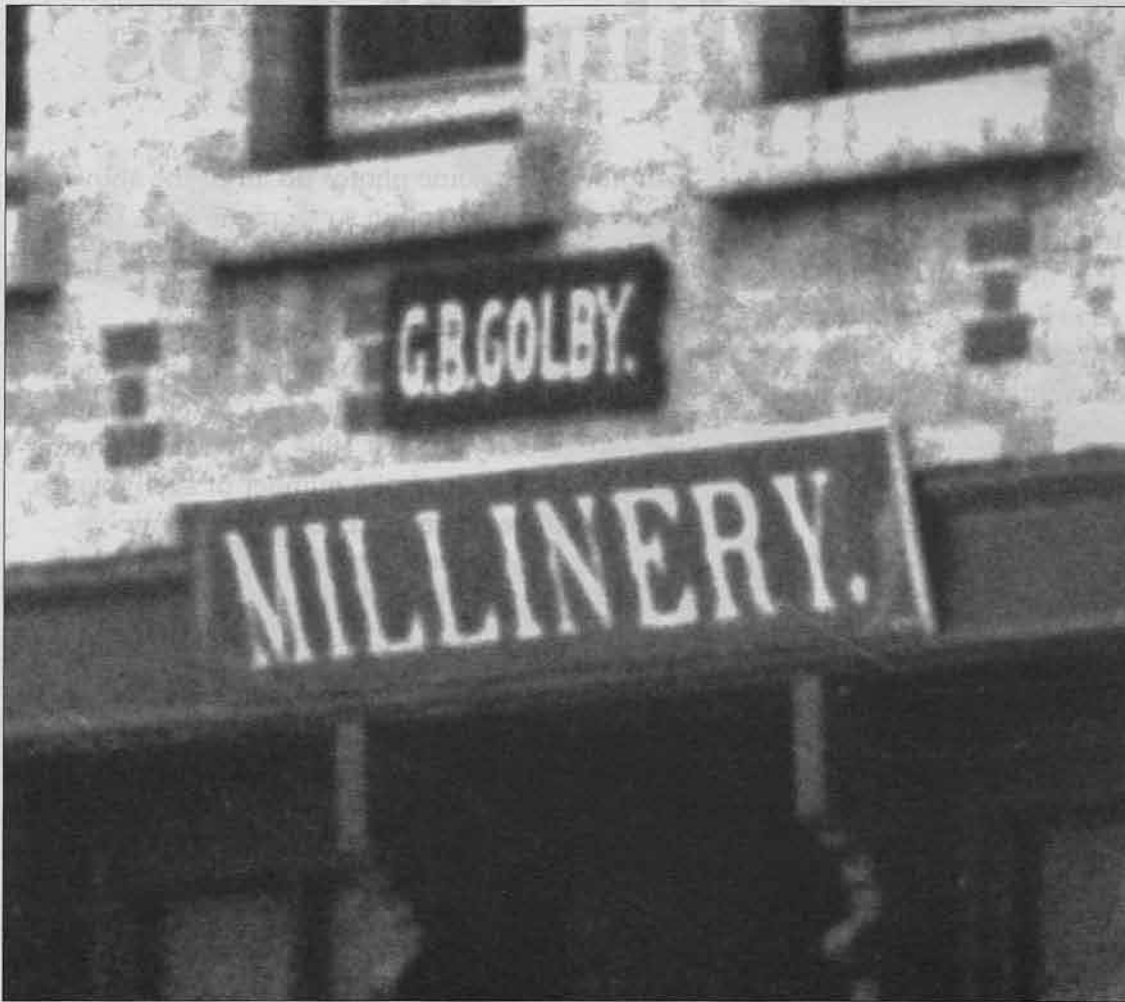
institutions but some photos do all of the above. There's a lot going on in some pictures. A good magnifying glass (or a scanner) can reveal photos within photos.

Take, for instance, this issue's cover photo. At first glance it appears to be just another image of workmen paving Moorhead's Center Avenue in late July or early August 1894. Moorhead photographer O. E. Flaten shot a number of such images. But this image contains several stories. We've blown up some sections of the picture as examples. See if you can spot any other details!



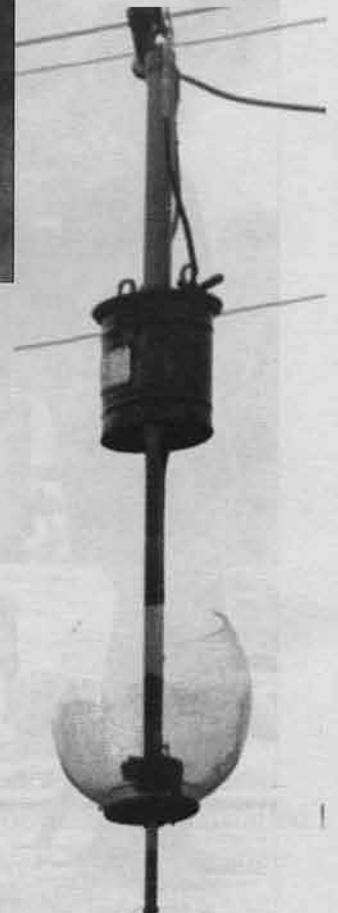
Above: A workman's lunch pail sits in the shade of some lumber.

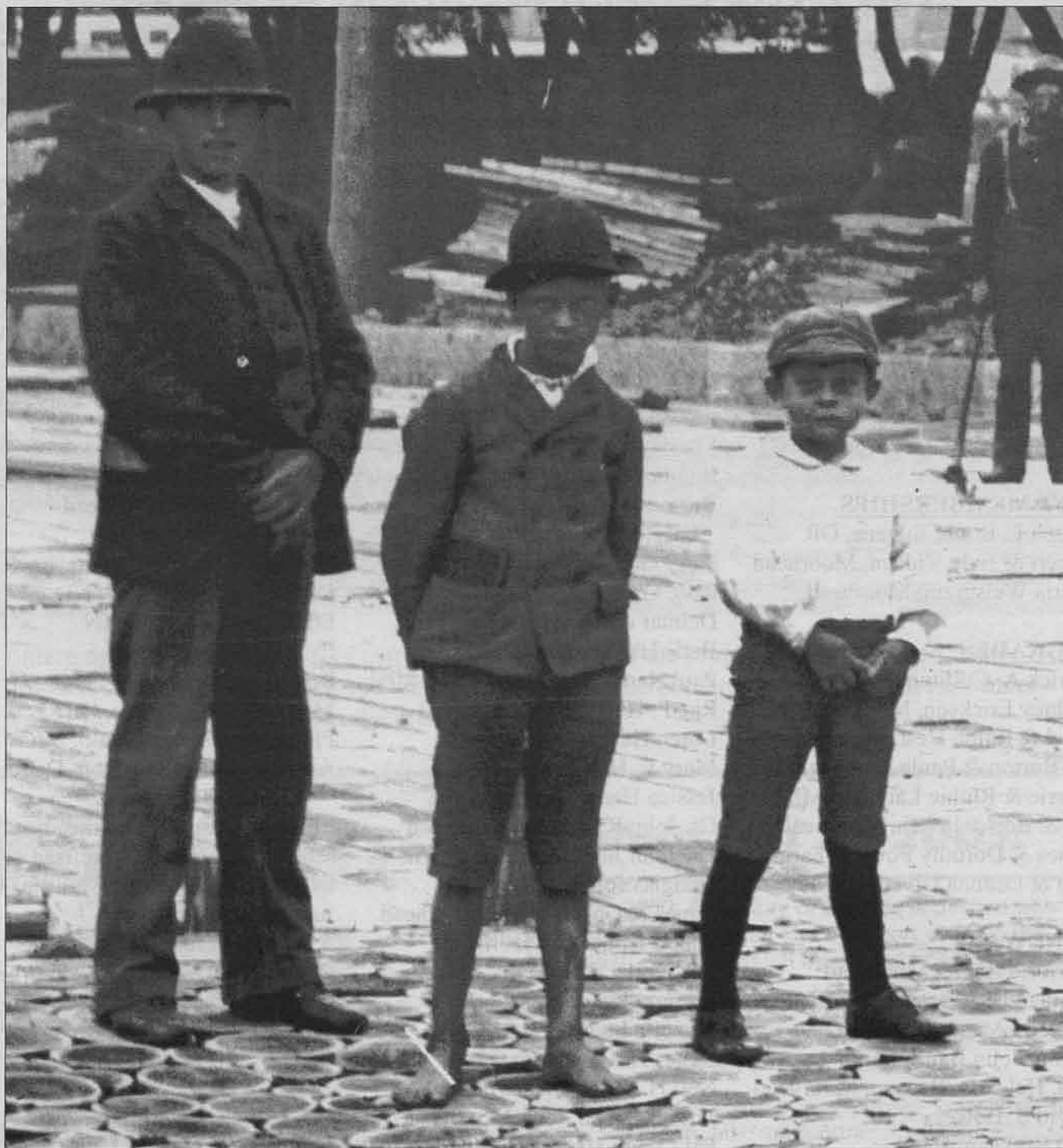
Left: About ten black people lived in Moorhead in 1894, perhaps thirty in Fargo, but photos of African-Americans locally are extremely rare. We'd love to know who these young fellows were!



Above: Signs barely visible in the original photo jump out when magnified. Millinery shops made and sold women's hats. Miss Glennie B. Colby had worked here as a clerk for milliner Thurla Torrance before taking over the shop shortly before the photo was taken.

Right: Yes, Moorhead did have street lights in 1894. A privately owned company, Fargo Gas and Electric, provided Moorhead with power until 1895 when the city constructed its own water and power plant. With this level of detail we should be able to research and identify what type of lamps Fargo Gas and Electric used.





Most photos of kids we have are formal portraits taken in a studio. It's fairly rare to find boys dressed in everyday clothes.

New CCHS Memberships & Renewals

CCHS extends a special thank you to the following individuals who renewed their memberships or became new members in May or June:

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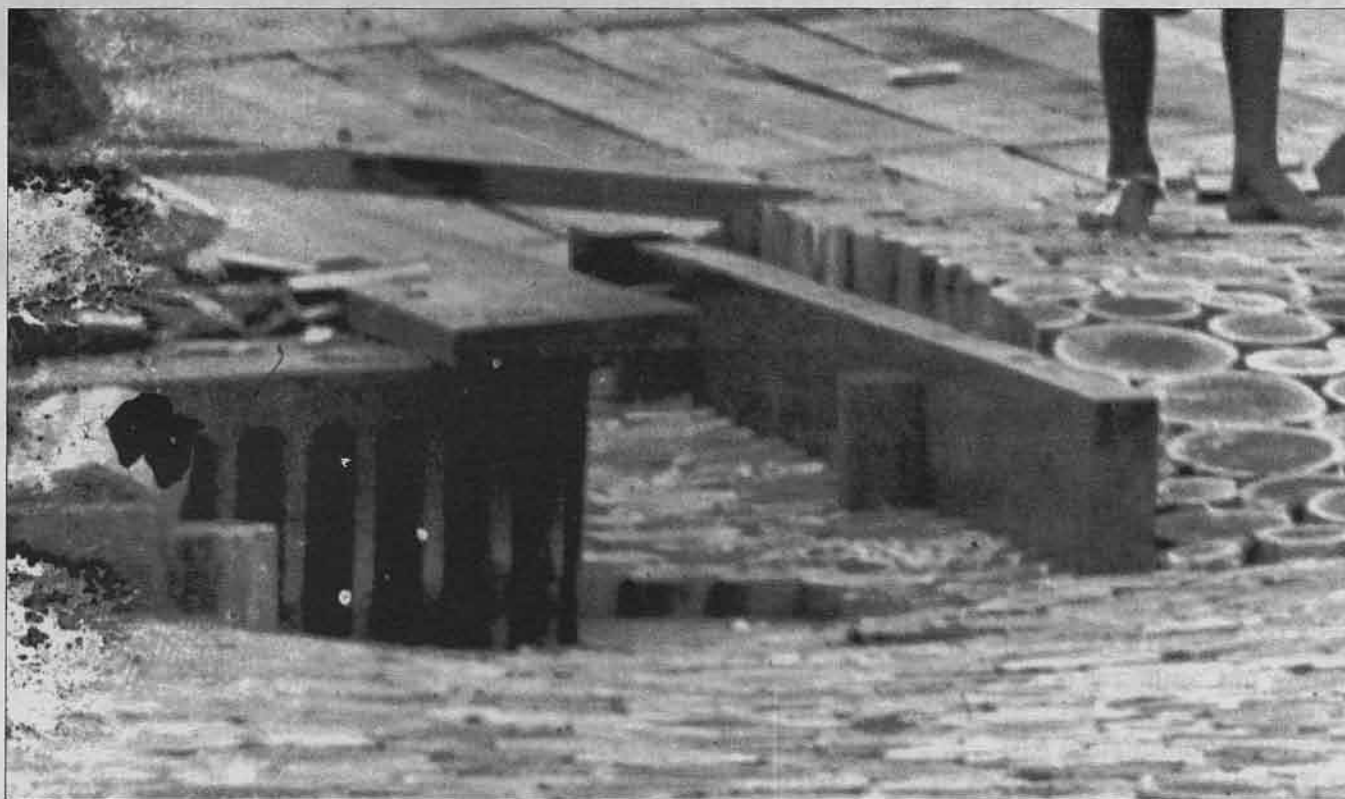
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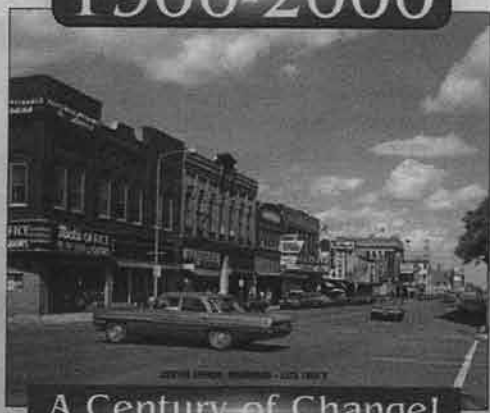
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Photos, continued



Enlarging sections of this photo can reveal how details of the project were completed. Note how workmen have braced up and arched the blocks at the corners. When finished, rain water would flow down the blocks to the drain on the corner.

The Last One Hundred Years in
MOORHEAD
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1900-2000



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Baseball, continued

The Northern League was formed in 1902 with teams from Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota North and South Dakota, Ontario and Wisconsin, but ceased activity in 1908. It revived in the early teens with the Fargo-Moorhead Graingrowers winning the pennant in 1915, 1916 and 1917. The League folded once again during WWI, and revived briefly in the 1930s.

The Fargo-Moorhead Twins team, a minor league team for the Cleveland Indians, was one of eight charter teams in the revived 1933 Northern League. The FM Twins originally played in Moorhead, but in 1936 moved to newly constructed Barnett Field in Fargo. Local baseball's popularity remained steady for about twenty years, but competition from television and other leisure activities contributed to the end of baseball in this area for almost 40 years. The last FM Twins game was September 3, 1960. Barnett Field was razed in 1963 to make way for Fargo North High School.

While the Northern League provided upper Midwest baseball fans with inexpensive entertainment, it also doubled as a showcase for future big league stars. Before the league expired in the early 1960s, several stars emerged from the Aberdeen Pheasants, Winnipeg Goldeyes, Eau Claire Bears and other Northern League members. The roll call of future major leaguers included Hank Aaron, Billy Bruton, Orlando Cepeda, Tito Francona, Wynn Hawkins, Don Larsen, Don Mincher, Jim Palmer, Joe Pepitone, Bob Turley, Earl Weaver . . . and Roger Maris.

Calendar

August 5—October 10

Quilts in the Atrium-Hallway Display Case

October 11—December 12

Artists' Studio Display in Atrium Display

Sept. 20

Steve Hoffbeck Program,
Swingin' for the Fences: Black
Baseball in Minnesota, 7 pm

Sept. 22 & 23

CCHS History Tour—Duluth

December

Holiday Open House
Volunteer Appreciation Party

Schedule subject to change

**Area Events and Festivals
Not to Miss!**

Aug. 13

Harvest Pot Luck Supper, 5 p.m. at
the Probstfield Farm for gardeners and
friends of the gardens (west side of
North 11th St across from Old Trail
Market. Rain date August 20).

Aug. 19-21

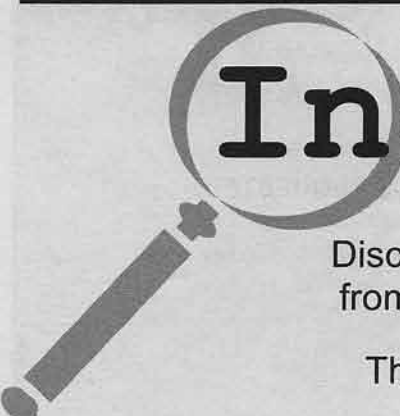
Pioneer Days, Bonanzaville, USA,
West Fargo

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Potato Days, Barnesville

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