

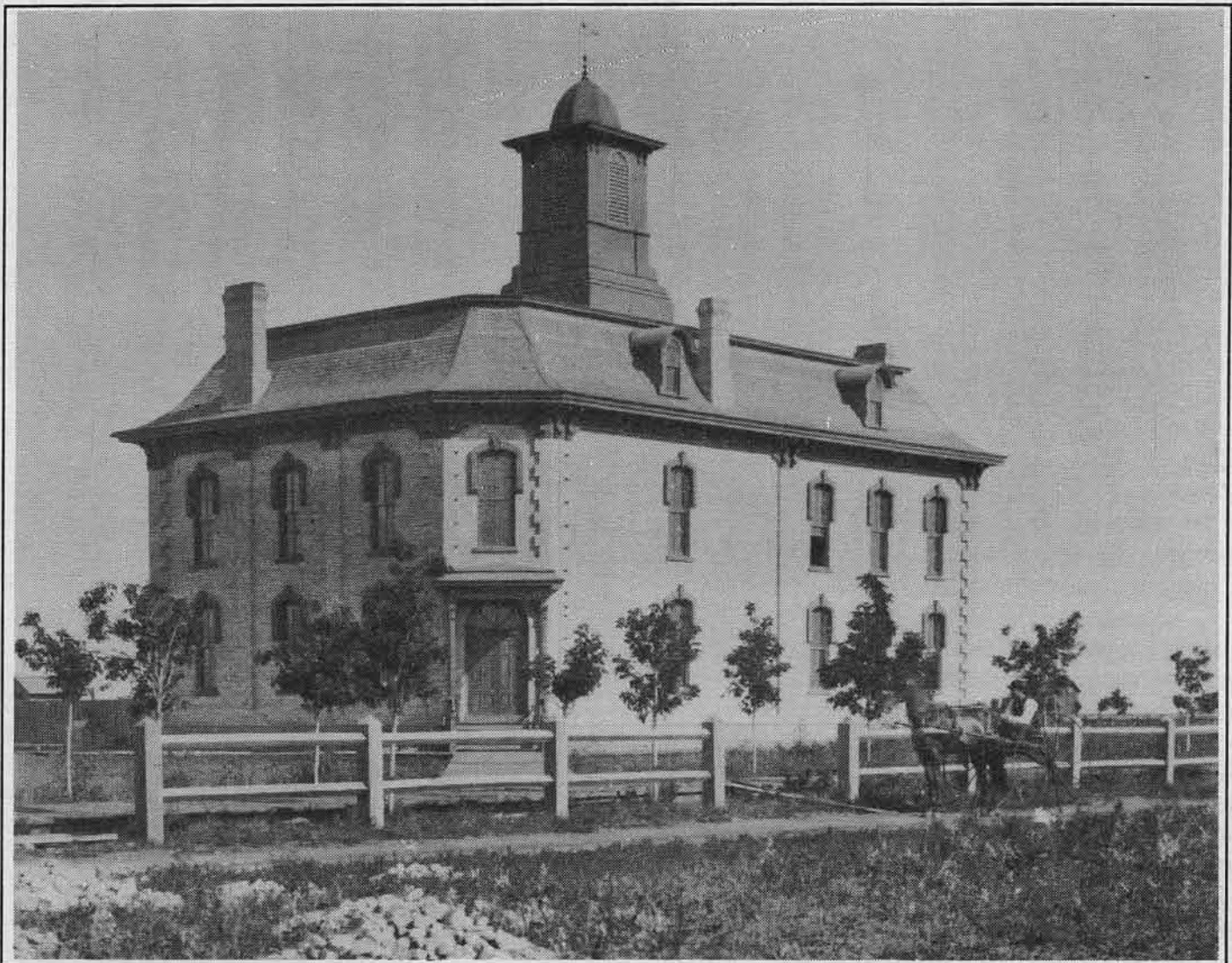
CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Sharp School in Moorhead, 1881. The Huntoons began teaching at Sharp High School in 1885. See story Page 5-8.

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From the President



By
Chris D. Olson

For many of us, a membership in the Clay County Historical Society (CCHS) is an annual monetary gift to support local heritage. As CCHS members, (usually) we are not called upon

to bake pies, sell raffle tickets, or plan the annual formal dance.

However, as I begin to write this column at the Society's booth at the County Fair, I'm reminded of the opportunities we have to volunteer for the Society.

For example, the CCHS committees in the past have been made up of the Board of Directors' members. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to become involved with one of the committees. The current structure consists of: Public Relations (includes planning for tours, the county fair, local parades, the annual meeting, and open houses); Membership; Nominating; Endowment Fund; Buildings and Grounds; Property & Acquisitions (includes Bergquist Cabin and Rollag School); and Fire Truck. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact a staff member by calling 233-4604.

At the same time, many thanks need to be given to those who currently give their time....from marching in local parades to volunteering in the CCHS offices.

One last "opportunity" for this month: CCHS is working together with the Heritage Center and Play It Again Sports on a fund raising project. Bring your used sports equipment to the Center by August 30. Play It Again Sports will try to sell the equipment and we'll get a percentage of the profits for our Endowment Fund. It is an easy and fun way to make some money.

Thanks again to all of you for your support....whether it is with time, energy, money or even pies.

Sincerely, President Chris Olson

Hats off to these people

A big thank you to Ruth Franzen for overseeing the Bergquist Cabin Open House. In addition to those people already mentioned on Page 11 of this Newsletter we would like to thank Paul Burkhardt for his help and assistance at the Bergquist Cabin and the Clay County Fair, Irene Burkhardt for the donation of a doily and Donna McMaster for help in locating artifacts for the "Drawing With Light" exhibit.

Special Thanks!

Many thanks to Corla Paulson, St. Paul for her donation of a beautiful 3-pc. display screen. We will certainly be able to put it to good use!

Corla is a daughter of CCHS members Lloyd and Bev Paulson of Moorhead.

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History-mystery words and their meanings.

CAN A RELICT HAVE A RELIC?

By Pam Burkhardt

Have you ever read an old newspaper and found that soldiers used to suffer from *ague*? Or found a file card entitled "Receipt for Sponge Cake?" Did you look the mystery word up?

Whether you are researching your family history or just interested in reading about the "good old days," you are going to run into words that are unfamiliar. We are fortunate that our language adapts to our changing needs. When our way of life changes, our language changes. When a common frame of reference changes, the old words can disappear. It's not surprising that terms everyone knew ca. 1900 are unfamiliar today. Let's take *ca.* as an example.

circa/C./c./ca.: Example: Kodak Camera ca. 1925. Explanation: Circa has the same origin as circle, circus and circulate and means "about" or "around." It is used when citing approximate dates or figures. You will find *circa* and its abbreviations used in museum labels and text.

lambrequin, valance: Lambrequins and valances are decorative pieces of drapery hanging from shelves or from the tops of windows. You could also see lambrequins hanging in the upper part of an interior doorway.

receipt [not the proof-of-purchase slip], *recipe*: Examples: In 1890 a young lady was asked for her grandmother's receipt for Sally Lunn cake. May I have your recipe for tater tot hot dish? Explanations: We use recipe when we mean instructions for preparing food. At one time receipt meant the same

thing. Receipt, meaning recipe, is no longer in common usage.

milch cow, neat's-foot oil: A milch cow is a cow which is currently giving milk. Neat cattle are not necessarily tidier than other cattle - "neat" is a very old term referring to domestic cattle. Oil is made from their foot and shinbones and often used to treat leather.

ague, consumption, double pneumonia:

Examples: Many soldiers were suffering from ague before the battle of New Orleans. In the 1870s, Minnesota advertised its bracing climate as a good place for consumptives to recover. He knew Aunt Edith had double pneumonia because she was bedridden for over three weeks!

Explanations: Ague referred to malarial or flu-like illnesses especially when the patient had chills. [Although, in the 19th century, who knew for sure what the illness was?] In the 19th century, consumption (tuberculosis) was a wide-

spread killer. [Tuberculosis is also called pulmonary phthisis - try pronouncing that three times!] There is no such thing as "double" pneumonia. The prefix is pleuro- not plural. Pleuropneumonia is the word combination of pleurisy and pneumonia. [Death records are a good place to find unfamiliar words. Other nifty medical terms will appear in a future article.]

waist, shirtwaist, blouse [all clothing items ca. 1900]: A

waist is the upper part of a woman's dress. A shirtwaist is a tailored blouse with design details taken from men's shirts. A blouse is a loose waist or shirtwaist. Confused? Actually, they all refer to the garment we now call a blouse. I won't mention that a child's undershirt was also called a waist. [Old



Sears Roebuck
Catalogue, 1908



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Outreach Displays

	Opens	Closes
Hitterdal Senior Center	July 13	Sept. 21
Ulen-Hitterdal High School ¹		July 13
Viking Manor, Ulen	July 13	Sept. 21
Hawley Public Library	July 13	Sept. 21
Glyndon Community Center ²		July 6
Moorhead Public Library	July 15	Sept. 23
Barnesville Public Library	through August	

1. This display will reopen in September.

2. A local photo exhibit is currently on display.

Bags, boxes, bottles and jars ... just some of the objects shown in CONTAINERS at the Hitterdal Senior Center.



There will be no display at the Ulen-Hitterdal High School for the rest of the summer. A new display will open Sept. 7.

Viking Manor will be IN MY MERRY OLDSMOBILE with a wooden license plate, road maps and a wooden gas gauge.

The photo display THEN AND NOW will appear at the Hawley Public Library. An old photograph is displayed next to a current photo taken in the same location.

Just HORSEING AROUND at the Moorhead Public Library contains articles worn by, used with and related to horses.

Young and old alike will enjoy the display TOYS continuing at the Barnesville Public Library.

Donations

A great big thank you to the following individuals and groups who made monetary contributions to CCHS in May and June.

Jerry Paulson, Madison, Wisc.
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Esther Olson, Moorhead

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May/June 1994

DONORS INCLUDE:

Moorhead: Family of Mabel Huebner, David Anderson, Olaf & Elinor Torstveit, Dr. Paul Harris, Kent J. Mudgett, Ed Gudmundson

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Fargo, ND: Eric Flaten, Bruce A. Ely

ARTIFACTS INCLUDE:

Reliable Cook Book Trinity Church, Mhd 1932; audit report from the Red River Telephone Assoc. 1956; poster from Myron Hollsten's store in Averill; Journal of Social and Behavioral Sciences 1993-1994 Edition from MSU; The Soda Fountain magazine 1929; a sample prescription blank and attached letter concerning authentic prescriptions of alcohol during prohibition; AMTRAK uniform; map of Fargo-Moorhead 1899; gauge used on the north FM bridge on the Red River; Ranger bicycle; prize ribbons from the Clay County Fair 1975-1980, (2) dresses, cape, lap robe, charm bracelet from the Red River Telephone Assoc., quilt top and blocks; Parkins. carpet sweeper; girl's white two-piece dress ca 1918; (2) fascinators [head scarves] from the 1940s, cotton bed jacket, laundry bag, apron [once worn with a hospital uniform], 1920s coat hanger, (6) dress patterns, metal hair curlers, black cape ca 1925, (4) booklets of household and farm hints, book of school art work from Dist. 34; a bottle of Gold Medal Haarlem Oil (a diuretic).

"Carrie Deming has lost a bright red portemonnaie--"

by Audrey Zube Jones

Part 2 of a two-part article on the Demings and Huntoons of Glyndon and Moorhead. (See the May/June 1994 CCHS Newsletter for Part 1.)

First Congregational's pastor, Newton W. Klooze, used the words "endurance and fortitude, humility, wit, wisdom and humor" in his eulogy for Carrie Deming Huntoon. The seven year old Carrie Deming, who had lost her bright red purse in the frontier town of Glyndon in the early 1870s was 87 years old when she died in Tacoma, Wash. on January 5, 1952.

Widowed for 39 years, Carrie was brought home to Moorhead to be buried next to her husband Lew and her infant son, Paul, in the Prairie Home Cemetery.¹

Although Carrie Deming had been raised in Glyndon and continued to be active in the Glyndon church, her love affair with Moorhead began in 1885.

After five challenging years at Carleton College, twenty year old Carrie was chosen by the Moorhead school board to teach at Sharp High School.² It was not a difficult choice

for the board. Some members had known Carrie since her childhood and often visited her mother Anna and step-father, C.G. Tracy, in Glyndon.

Franklin J. Burnham, Clay County's first superintendent of schools, arrived in Glyndon in 1872 at about the same time as the Deming family. After his law office in Chicago had been destroyed by the great

fire, Burnham followed the railroad west. Active in Glyndon's first church, the Chapel, and also originally from Vermont, Burnham knew both Carrie and her mother, Anna Tucker Deming, a Glyndon public school teacher, very well.

In 1885 the Moorhead school board also hired Lew Addison Huntoon from Lakeland, Minnesota. He replaced Prof. Hotaling as superintendent (sometimes called the principal) of Moorhead's public schools. Huntoon graduated from Carleton College with Carrie Deming where both students had completed Carleton's four year "Scientific" course of study. After examining

the buildings and equipment, Huntoon praised the Moorhead schools for being "as well equipped as any in the state of Minnesota, and better than any schools in the northwest outside of the state."³ The board was pleased. They were proud of their schools and their young people.

In an age when entertainment was somewhat limited, Moorhead citizens had learned to provide their own. Many cultural events centered on the town's children. Students



Lew Huntoon (back row - 2nd from left) and Carrie Deming (back row far right) were among faculty members photographed at Sharp High School in 1885. Other teachers at Sharp at the time include Miss M.J. Campbell, Miss Lulu Richardson, Miss Verna Olds, Miss Lizzie Noyes, Miss Louise Benson, Miss Jennet Nunn, and Miss Nellie Wells. If anyone can place the names with the faces please contact CCHS at 233-4604.

Photo courtesy of First Congregational UCC of Moorhead.

of all ages spent school time preparing for "rhetoricals," often given weekly. The students prepared performances of literary and musical works and gave short informative talks. Neither Concordia nor Moorhead Normal (now Moorhead State University) existed at that time and the high school was just beginning to function. There was only one

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Carrie Deming (continued from Page 5)

high school graduate in 1883, Mathias Forsberg, and there would not be another until Nellie Glathart graduated in 1886.⁴

Lew Huntoon's honeymoon with the town was short-lived. By March of 1887, he was defending the schools and its teachers from an attack by the editor of the Moorhead newspaper, George N. Lamphere. Lamphere had accused the schools of abolishing rhetorical work for two years and of doing much harm to the educational process by that act.

An irate Huntoon wrote a long letter to the editor denying that changes were as extensive as the editor claimed and defending the renewed emphasis on reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and languages. In that letter he insists that as superintendent of schools he "has never opposed rhetorical work when done for the benefit it affords, but has always been opposed to it as a source of amusement."⁵

Huntoon's pointed criticism of using student rhetorical programs to entertain Moorhead adults contrasted with his praise of the students who were passing examinations in increasing numbers after the curriculum change. Although many of the examination

grades published in the April 28, 1887 newspaper were still between 65 and 80. Moorhead students, pushed by state guidelines, state examiners, their Moorhead teachers and the superintendent, were attending and succeeding in their high school level classes. The numbers graduating from Moorhead High increased to four in each of the years between 1887 and 1889 and began a steady climb after those years.

Although they soon left the teaching profession, Carrie Deming and Lew Huntoon continued to have a positive influence on Moorhead's children, including the children of the openly critical Lamphere. Ironically, the 1887 antagonists, Lamphere and Huntoon, would cooperate in establishing the First Congregational Church in 1894,⁶ and by the early 1900s, the Huntoons were sponsoring speech contests for public school students in the new church building just across the street from Sharp high School.

Carrie Deming, well-educated and self-supporting, musical, active in the Glyndon church and in the Moorhead community, made a decision at age 23 which changed her life dramatically. She decided to marry Lew Huntoon. This decision meant that she would no longer be allowed to teach, and she had

ample evidence in her own childhood home of the other risks marriage would bring.

The newspapers of 1888 seem to indicate Carrie Deming's ambivalence about making this choice. In the spring, Carrie was in Glyndon, busy with church work and employed as an assistant postmaster by her stepfather, C.G. Tracy.⁷ Lew Huntoon, who had completed his study of law under Franklin J. Burnham while he was superintendent of the



First Congregational Church, Moorhead, February 1937.

Moorhead schools, was described as leaving the area.

But inquiring editors noted a change of plans. Huntoon spent a long weekend at the Tracy home in Glyndon and decided to stay on for several months to work in the law office of Burnham and Tillotson. The August 23, 1888, *Red River Valley News* contained the item: "A wedding party is coming on Wednesday, 29th inst., at the Tracy residence. Miss Carrie Deming will be bride, and Lew A. Huntoon of Moorhead, party of the other part. No third party. No politics at all."

Certainly few wedding announcements end with such strange statements. Perhaps one should remember the heavy involvement of the Glyndon Demings in the temperance movement and the growing influence in the state of the Prohibition party. Huntoon was an active Republican.

The wedding did indeed take place and the Huntoons boarded the train to visit relatives in the Northeast on their honeymoon. After practicing law in Minneapolis, Huntoon returned to Moorhead in January of 1893 and Carrie soon followed.

Franklin J. Burnham, Huntoon's law mentor and, in

1893, the president of the First National Bank, needed Huntoon as cashier. Those were troubled times and Burnham was asking a lot of his young friend. Two depressions in the 1890s triggered losses of farms, homes and businesses. Burnham's faith in his friend was not misplaced. Huntoon was credited with saving the bank and eventually became its president.⁸

As Lew Huntoon struggled with bank problems, the Huntoons, George Perleys, Livingston Lords, John Costains, Frederick Goodsells, Daniel Darrows, George Lampheres and the C.A. Nyes, among others, established the First Congregational Church in

Moorhead on January 23, 1894.⁹

Their contributions of time and money, of talents in music and in teaching, and their concern for the spiritual development of the youth of Moorhead are recorded in church minutes and in the newspapers of the period.

In 1894 Lew Huntoon settled his family in a home just south of the Prairie Home Cemetery on Eighth Street. When his new home at 709 Eighth Street South was completed in 1912, Huntoon sold his first home to John J. Hanson. Hanson sold the home to Albert Hopeman in 1915.

Carrie and Lew and their family of four daughters held many events at both homes for their church and community friends. Sledding parties down the small hill into the Prairie Home Cemetery, sleigh rides on

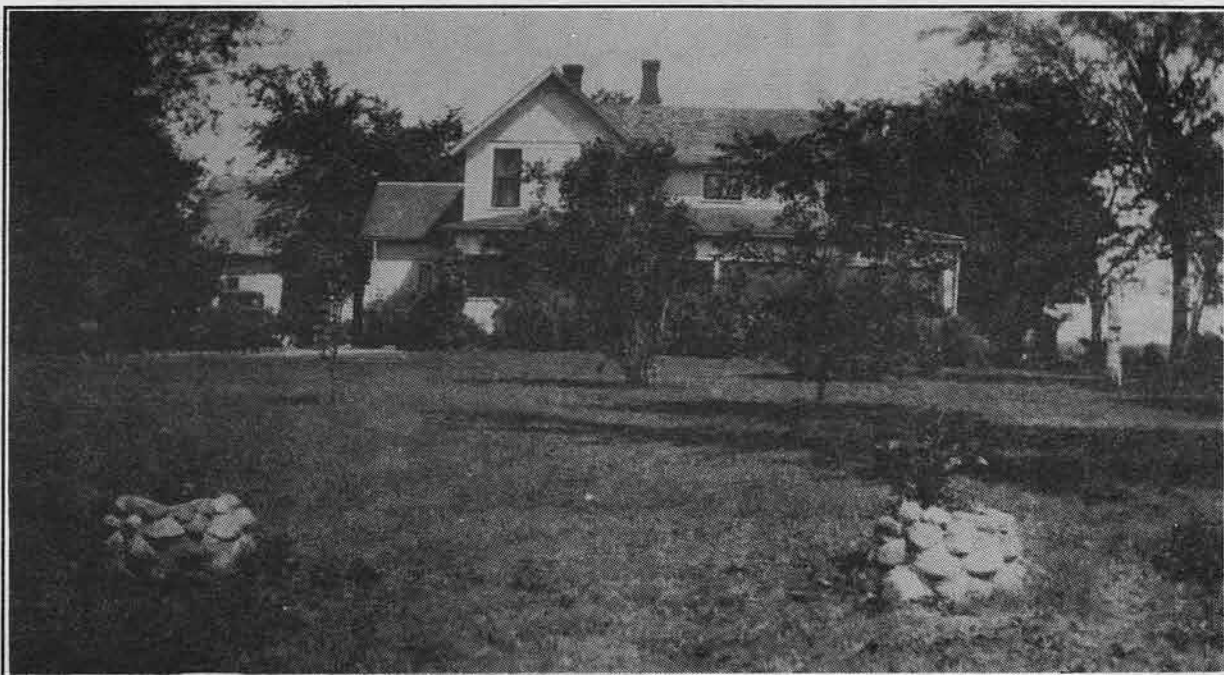


Photo courtesy of Beth Hopeman Dille.

This was the Huntoon home from 1894 to 1912.

country roads, buggy rides and picnics and church suppers were all a part of the life of this family.

Unfortunately there were only two major gatherings in the beautiful new home on Eighth Street that included Lew Huntoon. One event filled the new house with laughter and compliments for Lew on his 50th birthday. The Darrows and Carrie planned the surprise party, and Solomon G. Comstock presented the gift of a new leather chair as he praised Lew Huntoon's leadership in the community.

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Carrie Deming (Continued from Page 7)

The second gathering, in May of 1913, filled the house, all the surrounding streets, and the Prairie Home Cemetery. Between 2,000 and 3,000 mourners poured in from across the county and around the state to honor a man who had served them all with a stubborn and greatly informed devotion.¹⁰ There is not, of course, enough space in this article to detail Lew Huntoon's roles as educator, lawyer, banker, alderman, county commissioner and resident director of Moorhead Normal. Huntoon was also a farmer and with Leslie Welter and Henry Schroeder helped organize the Clay County Potato Growers Association. His wide ranging interest in everything that affected Clay County led him to be active in the Republican party at both the state and local levels.

No stranger to sorrow, Carrie Deming Huntoon faced the loss of her husband with courage. She continued her work in the community and in the church until the mid-1920s when she sold her home to the Gilbert Gosslee family and followed her daughters to Washington and Oregon.

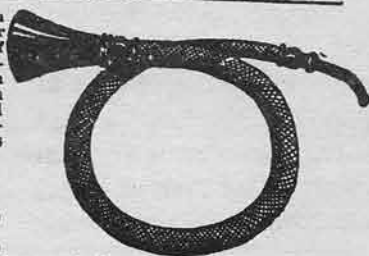
The little girl from Vermont came on the train to Glyndon in 1872. Within a few months she had lost the two remaining siblings in her family, a beloved father, and -- her "little red portemonnaie." Carrie gained strength from her mother, her step father, her friends and her church. The exhilaration brought by the learning begun at Carleton College never left her. She studied and taught, befriended and loved, not only her own children, but all the children and the young adults of Moorhead. Her friends believed Carrie Deming Huntoon's life was "a part of something great and eternal." She had "quality of a rare sort, endurance and fortitude, humility and service, wit, wisdom and humor..."¹¹ The Huntoon gravestone, almost in the center of the Prairie Home Cemetery is visible from Eighth Street.

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Sears, Roebuck Catalogue, 1897

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Huntoon built this home for his family in 1912. It was purchased by Concordia College in 1945 and became the president's residence in 1951.

I love a parade!!

Clay County Historical Society will have participated in four community parades by the time this newsletter reaches you. On June 18 our 1936 Buffalo fire truck made its debut at the Felton Field Days Parade and came away with first prize for "Organizations." The prize money will help offset the cost of transporting the truck. Later that same day, the truck journeyed to Hawley and appeared in the Hawley Rodeo Parade.

Moorhead Fireman Gerry Shawstad drove the truck from Moorhead to Felton, along the parade route, then from Felton to Hawley, through another parade route, and finally, back to Moorhead. One should remember that the truck has no power steering and weighs 7½ tons. It was a healthy day!

Shawstad has done considerably more than just put in a 12 hour day accommodating parades. He has been the driving force in seeing repair of the truck through to completion. Another Moorhead Fireman that deserves a lot of credit for the present state of the truck is Mike Sigdestad who has worked right alongside Shawstad during the repair period and drove the truck in the Dilworth Loco Days Parade on July 8 and the American Legion Parade on July 15. Our heartfelt thanks to these dedicated firemen volunteers.

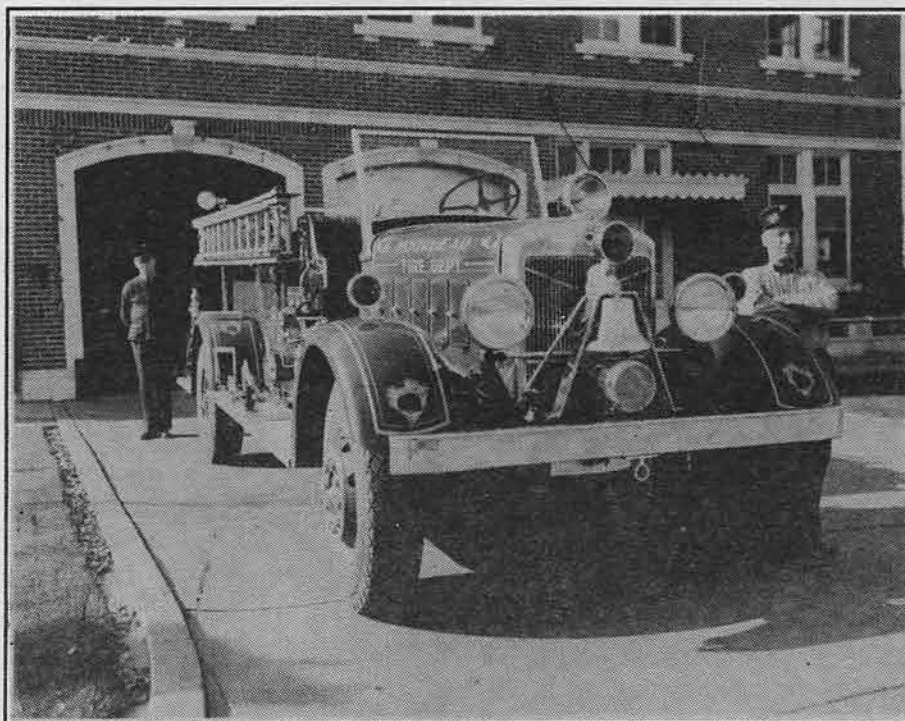
Banner bearers for the Felton, Hawley and Dilworth Parades include Kenny Fox, Carol Ekre and Margaret

Ristvedt all of Hawley and Heather Larson and Angie Peterson of Dilworth.

Plans are for the truck to appear in the Ulen Turkey Days Parade on August 20, the Barnesville Potato Days Parade on August 26 and the Moorhead Valley

Fest Parade on September 10. Other parades being considered are the Pioneer Days Parades at West Fargo in August.

A fire truck fund has been started to help defray maintenance and operational costs. Anyone wishing to contribute can send their donations to Clay County Historical Society, Fire Truck Fund, Box 501, Moorhead, MN 56560.



Forum Publishing Company Collection

The Moorhead Fire Department was proud of their new "pumper" fire truck in 1936. This photo was found in the CCHS Archives dated October 14, 1936.

The Buffalo emblem

The 1936 Buffalo Fire Truck was considered a Cadillac of fire trucks. Lots of chrome and the impressive Buffalo emblem (reproduced here) demonstrate the status symbol that fire trucks represented in those years.



Family History Workshop XIX set for Sept. 24 at MSU

"On the Midwestern Trail" is the theme for Family History Workshop XIX scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Moorhead State University Comstock Memorial Union. James L. Hansen, reference librarian for the Wisconsin Historical Society, and one of the nation's leading authorities on Midwestern genealogical research, will present four sessions. Mr. Hansen's topics include Frontier Genealogy, The French Voyageurs and Their Descendants in the Upper Midwest, Midwestern Newspaper Research, and What to Do When you hit a Brick Wall: Advanced Family History Research.

Mark Peihl, CCHS Archivist will make a presentation on preserving photographs. Other presenters include: Dr. Verlyn Anderson, Concordia College, Norwegian genealogy; Les Bakke, Moorhead State, and Rick Crume, Glyndon, computerized genealogy, CD ROM resources, and scanning photographs; Sandra Slater, University of North Dakota, researching family histories in North Dakota; Joanne Bremer, Moorhead, researching adoption records; Arthur Finnell, Minneapolis, Midwestern land records and courthouse research; Bob Lind, *The Forum*, interviewing techniques; Virginia Mahoney, St. Paul, Irish genealogy; Michael Miller, North Dakota State University, corresponding with Germans from Russia; Beverly Paulson, Moorhead, beginning and advanced genealogy; and Chuck Walen, Fargo, using the Family History Center for Genealogy at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The workshop runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A noon luncheon will feature awards for family history research and a talk by Dr. Ken Smemo of the Moorhead State history department entitled "New Lives in a New Land: The Ethnic Dimension in Family History." There will be booths and exhibits for 21 organizations and vendors.

For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education, Box 401, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN 56561 or call 218 236-2183. The workshop is sponsored by the Heritage Education Commission of Moorhead State University.

Clay County Fair Report

The CCHS Booth under the grandstand at the Clay County Fair in Barnesville featured videos of Barnesville and a nostalgic film on the Burma Shave signs that dotted our roadways from the 1920s through the 1960s.

In the four days of the fair three hundred thirty-six visitors signed up for a crocheted doily won by Robin Askegard of Barnesville.

Volunteers helping at the Fair booth included Board members Kenny Fox and Paul Harris and members Paul Burkhardt and Francelia Iverson.

LOOK AT WHAT'S COMING TO THE HERITAGE SHOP

♦Regional Crafts♦
♦Educational Games♦
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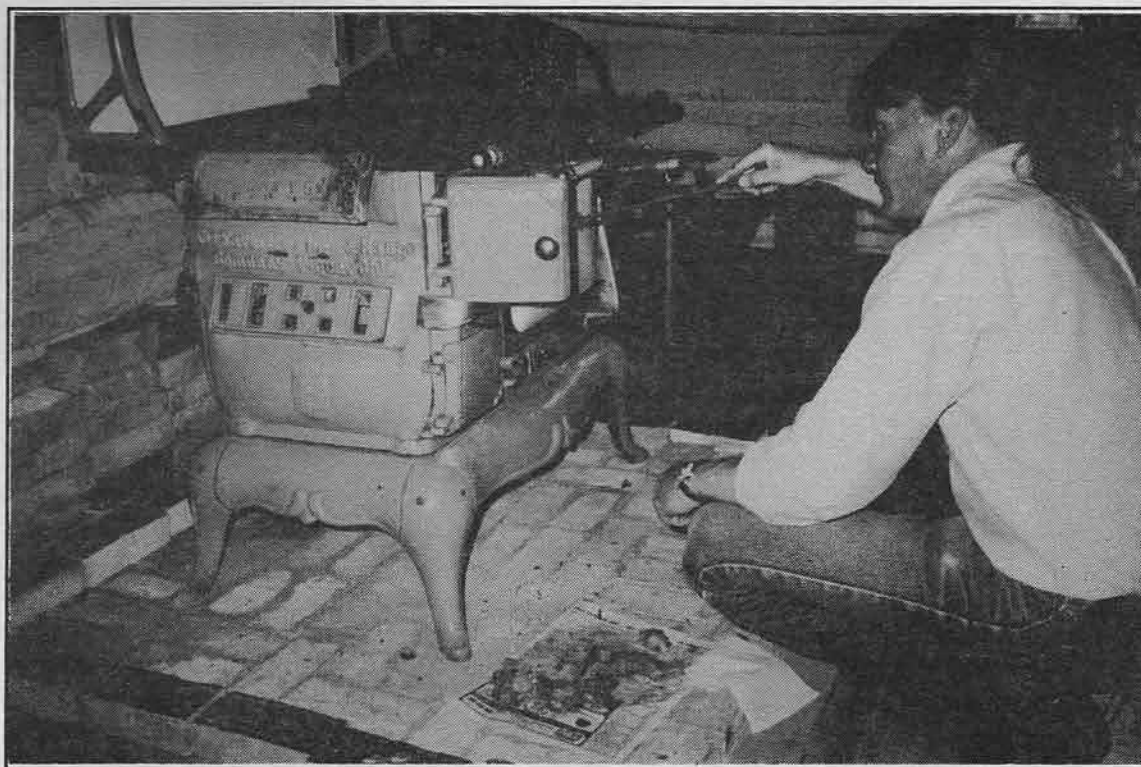
The Heritage Shop
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Pioneer Cabin comes alive

An open house, sponsored by the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society and the Clay County Historical Society, was part of the area's Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival on June 23, 24 and 25.

The Bergquist cabin is the oldest existing residence on its original site in Moorhead. John Gustav Bergquist emigrated from Smaland, Sweden to Minnesota in 1868. When he was 20 he secured his homestead rights in the area which was later to become the city of Moorhead. The cabin was built in 1870 with an upstairs addition added several years later when John's brother, Peter, joined him.

This year Mark Peihl, CCHS Archivist provided the history of the cabin for the visitors. For the fourth consecutive year Ruth Franzen served as chairperson of the event. Ron Anderson provided accordion music. Gladys Westrum and Elsie Lee took turns baking bread. Coffee and cookies were served by Ruth Ann Anderson, Gladys Mudgett and Elaine Fiske. Muriel Vincent demonstrated knitting Swedish mittens. Pam Burkhardt worked on a Swedish pattern bobbin lace doily. A demonstration of Julgrans Korg (Christmas baskets) was done by Tara Scherling, Laura Larson, Jessica Jordahl and Kristin Paseka. Marjorie Neinas also helped. An additional skill shown at the cabin this year was spinning. Marie Harsh, from Farwell, Minn., was invited to Moorhead to spin on her Swedish wheel. Harriet Hopkins, who accompanied her, tatted. A list of English/Swedish terms was made available to visitors.



Stoking the fire!! Mark Peihl lit the cookstove in preparation for baking Swedish rye bread at the Cabin during the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival. Once the mystery of the damper was solved the oven got plenty hot.

John Lopez provided a parking area and water for coffee.

Of the almost 100 people attending during the three day event, 71 signed up for a drawing. A Swedish pattern bobbin lace doily made and donated by CCHS Collections' Manager Pam Burkhardt was won by Kris Nicklay of Moorhead.



Bobbin Lace featured at Civic

During the Scandinavian Festival CCHS also had a booth at the Civic Center sponsored by the Swedish Society. The booth featured a demonstration of bobbin lace and bobbin lace-making. A display of cameras promoted our new exhibit "Drawing With Light." In two days, 454 people signed up for the drawing of a crocheted doily made and donated by Irene Burkhardt, Fargo. The doily was won by Kathy Mercil of Fargo.

June Event Winners

CCHS was busy in June what with an exhibit opening, several parades, booths at the Civic Center and the Clay County Fair, open house at the Bergquist Cabin, a presentation for River Front Days and all the other everyday things that need to be done.

Eight hundred seventy visitors signed up for CCHS drawings in June.

Winners were: Robyn Askegard of Barnesville won the "Cornfield" crocheted doily at the Clay County Fair. The doily was made and donated by CCHS Office Manager Margaret Ristvedt. Three hundred and forty-five people signed up at the Fair.

Kathy Mercil of Fargo won the "Heather Hill" crocheted doily at the Fargo Civic Center. The doily was made and donated by CCHS Volunteer Irene Burkhardt. Four hundred fifty-four people signed up for the drawing.

Kris Nicklay of Moorhead won the Swedish pattern bobbin lace doily at the Bergquist Cabin. The doily was made and donated by CCHS Collections Manager Pam Burkhardt. Seventy-one people signed up for the drawing.

CCHS volunteer at Library of Congress

Congratulations to former CCHS volunteer Amy Roberts! Amy recently received a summer fellowship to work at the Library of Congress in Washington. She'll be working in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division.

Amy spent a short internship at CCHS in spring 1991. She seemed to like us. She stayed on and became one of our best volunteers, working most Thursday nights for two and a half years. Amy helped with research, cleaned glass negatives, worked in the darkroom, indexed books and... well, lots of stuff.

Last August, Amy left CCHS to pursue a Master of Library Science degree at the University of Kentucky. Since then she's received a number of internships and scholarships and gotten great grades. We hated to see Amy leave but we're proud of her accomplishments and thankful for her efforts here. She is very excited to be at the Library of Congress and about the unique learning experience her fellowship will provide. Amy plans to graduate in December and find a job in an archives cataloging manuscript materials. Way to go, Amy! We know you'll do well.

A PAGE OF DAINTY WAISTS IN THE NEWEST SPRING STYLES

SUCH VALUES AS THESE CANNOT BE FOUND IN ANY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT ANYWHERE

Size: 22 to 42 inches bust measure. No extra size

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History-Mystery Words (Continued from Page 3)

catalogs and newspaper advertisements will refer to waists.]

notions (pl) [as in notions department]: A department for ideas would be handy, but the notions you shop for are hooks and eyes, thread, buttons, coat hangers etc.

In a department store, the notions department contains a variety of "small useful household articles" which is exactly what notions are. [I had an idea that is what notions were.]

antimacassar: An antimacassar is a small mat or doily on the back of a chair or sofa. Why the strange name? Long before the turn of the century, macassar oil was popular as a hair control agent for men. [Men had the right to lean back in their chairs. Women were expected to sit in a stiff, upright position.] Anyway, to save the upholstery from unsightly oil spots antimacassars were used. [Suet or bear grease might be used by men who couldn't afford macassar oil!]

ante bellum: Ante bellum means "before the war" and the war referred to is the American Civil War.

relict, relic: Examples: Mary Johnson, relict of a Civil War soldier, was appointed to the Votes for Women League. This pottery jar is a relic of an earlier, more primitive age. Explanations: A widow was often referred to as

a relict from a Latin word meaning "something left behind." Relict refers to a person and isn't in common usage. A relic an object of greater or lesser significance depending upon the observer, but is regarded as an important memento of the past.

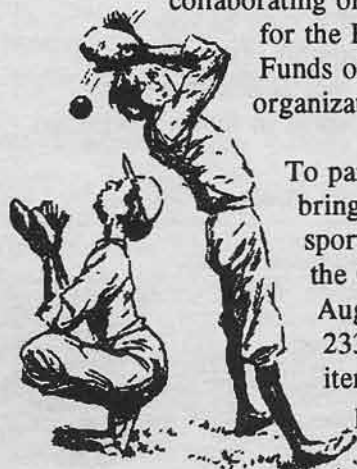
(More *History-Mystery* words in future newsletters.)

Sears Roebuck Catalogue, 1908

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Be a Booster!!!

Play it Again Sports, together with CCHS, HHIC and RRVHS are collaborating on a fund raiser for the Endowment Funds of the various organizations.



To participate you can bring any new/used sports equipment to the Center before August 30 or call 233-4604 and items will be picked up.

It's a win! win!

win! situation. 1.) Clean out your garage and/or basement. 2.) Support CCHS, HHIC and RRVHS. 3.) Receive a tax deduction.

Acceptable items include skates, roller blades, balls, cast iron weights, athletic shoes, exercise bikes, etc.

CCHS Board of Directors



CCHS Board of Directors elected at the Annual Meeting in April include: front row (l to r) Kelly Aakre of Moorhead, Ann Gytri of Felton, Carol Ekre of Hawley, Dorothy Dodds of Moorhead; back row (l to r) Bob Kennedy of Moorhead, Larry Quam of Hawley, Chris Olson of Moorhead. Not pictured are Arlo Brown of Dilworth, Paul Harris and Diane Meyer of Moorhead.

CCHS Memberships - New and Renewals

May/June 1994

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

Vilera Rood, Moorhead
Jean Doty, Hawley
Jim Fay, Moorhead
Paul & Irene Burkhardt, Fargo
M/M Bernard Gill, Hillsboro, ND
Ralph Lee, Moorhead
Louise Nettleton, Moorhead
Barbara & Roger Spilde, Moorhead
Evert Wiisanen, Moorhead
Leona Overby, Moorhead
Catherine Scheibe, LaMoure, ND
Norwest Bank/John Rogalla, Mhd
Albert Knutson, Moorhead
Lester Bakke, Moorhead
Harry Bergquist, Moorhead
Carroll & Joan Engelhardt, Mhd
Paul Harris & Cindy Palmer, Mhd

Erwin & Eleanor Aarstad, Harwood, ND
Roger Stenerson, Glyndon
John Jenkins, Moorhead
Helen Rudie, Moorhead
Ramona Kooren, Hawley
DeLayne Karls, Fargo
Marie Daellenbach, Moorhead
Dr. Pat Colliton, Fargo
Howard Roos, St. Louis, MO
Elva Jarvis, Hawley
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Rae P. Haynes, Durango, CO
Conn Bjerke, Moorhead
Mark Chekola, Moorhead
William Prieb, Moorhead
Kent Knutson, Moorhead
J. Robert Hanson, Moorhead
Ione Diirro, Moorhead
Royce Yeater, Moorhead
Arthur Nix, Moorhead
Marlene Ames, Fargo
Justine Swanson, Fargo

Dana C. Powers, Moorhead
Esther Olson, Moorhead
Milton & Ardis Severson, Mhd
Morris Lanning, Moorhead

CCHS welcomes the following new members:

LaVonne Tweten, Moorhead
Mabel K. Johnson, Moorhead
Grace E. Anderson, Moorhead
Matt Scheibe, LaMoure, ND
Fred Trende, Rosholt, SD
Dalene Trende, Rosholt, SD
Betty Christensen, Glyndon
Gene Christensen, Glyndon
Dorothy Martill, Fargo
Clara Evenson, Fargo
Alan Nelson, Moorhead
Lillian Nelson, Moorhead
LaDonna Volochenko, Moorhead
Bonnie M. Haugen, Moorhead
Rex E. Wood, Moorhead

CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM

"Drawing With Light: Photography in Clay County"

"Drawing With Light...." examines how people have used light and chemistry to produce pictures for the last 150 years. Featured are old photographic processes, our earliest Clay County photograph and the virtual reality of the 1890s - stereoscopes.

The Kewpie was
Minnesota's camera.

Introduced in 1915,
they were meant for
use by children and
were sold only through
Sears, Roebuck and
Company.

The exhibit features a
Kewpie Box Kamera
with direction booklet
and the notation that it
was a Christmas gift in
1922.

Kewpie Kameras

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PRICES							
Kewpie Kamera	Catalog No.	Size of Picture, inches	Size of Kamera, inches	Net Weight	Shipping Weight	For Film See Following on Page 354	Price
No. 2	3L41200	2 1/4 x 3 1/4	3 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 5 1/4	14 oz.	2 lbs.	3L41716 to 3L41718	\$2.25
No. 2A	3L41220	2 1/4 x 4 1/4	5 1/4 x 5 1/4 x 5 1/4	18 oz.	2 1/4 lbs.	3L41722 to 3L41723	3.15
No. 3	3L41240	3 1/4 x 4 1/4	6 1/4 x 5 1/4 x 5 1/4	22 oz.	2 1/4 lbs.	3L41760 to 3L41764	4.10
No. 3A	3L41260	3 1/4 x 5 1/4 Post card size	6 1/4 x 6 1/4 x 6 1/4	31 oz.	3 lbs.	3L41776 to 3L41780	4.95

The illustration is from a reprint of a 1923 catalog.

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Lower level of Hjerkomst Center, 202 1st Ave. N., Moorhead

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I would like to begin/renew my membership in the Clay County Historical Society. Please enter my membership in the category I have checked below:

- ☐ INDIVIDUAL \$15.00
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