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Moorhead's Daily Park in 1936 when it was a popular resting spot for birds. (Story on Pages 8-10)

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CCHS Highlights

By Gary H. Olson, President
The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the Heritage Hjemkomst Center on June 13 was very well received. The entire building was open to the public free from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Our staff and board members, along with volunteers, were involved in a variety of activities.



Pam Burkhardt, Collections Manager, and volunteer Donna McMaster, conducted tours of the normally "off limits" storage areas containing over 20,000 three-dimensional artifacts. Archivist Mark Peihl gave a slide presentation called "Welcome to Beerhead" highlighting the years from 1890 to 1915 when over 44 saloons operated in Moorhead. Margaret Ristvedt, Office Manager, oversaw the Clay County Museum and the Fire Truck events in the Center's parking lot.

I have soloed an airplane and parasailed high above a motor boat, but being in a bucket on the end of an 85 foot vertical fire truck ladder was a new experience! For only 50 cents you could have this once in a life-time opportunity! With a well-trained Moorhead Fireman at the controls I got my video camera in hand and rode to the top of a 9 story building via the ladder extension! The view of the Fargo Dome from the HHIC parking lot was quite a treat. Our board members were busy below taking Polaroid pictures of young people sitting in the 1936 Buffalo Fire Truck dressed in a coat and fire hat, courtesy of the Moorhead Fire Department.

The CCHS Spring Tour to the Minnesota History Center and the Science Center went off without a hitch and plans will be made for a Fall Tour soon.

The CCHS Booth at the Clay County Fair featured the exhibit "An End and a Beginning." The exhibit chronicles Buddy Holly's tragic accident in 1959 that turned out to be a beginning for Bobby Vee, a student at Fargo Central High School at that time. A Buddy Holly audio was an integral part of the exhibit.

Our 60/10 Anniversary Buttons were distributed at the National Museum Day open house on May 18 and at the county fair in June. The commemorative button celebrates 60 years of collecting for CCHS and 10 years at the Center.

The oldest house in Moorhead still on its original site, the Bergquist Log Cabin, built in 1870, was the site of an open house June 27-29. Swedish crafts, music and baking were demonstrated as part of the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival.

New signage will be installed soon to better identify the various areas of the Center including the Clay County Museum. A new banner hangs on the street promoting CCHS and its new free admission policy.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and receptionists for the Clay County Museum. Days and hours may vary but our goal is to cover all hours that the museum is open. This will provide a wide variety of choices for days and time periods. Training will be provided.

If you enjoy meeting new people and are interested in serving your community, give us a call at 233-4604.

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Moorhead Viking Ship Park site of Archaeological excavations

By Michael Michlovic

During early June, 1996, archaeological excavations were conducted by a joint Moorhead State University (MSU) and North Dakota State University (NDSU) archaeological team in Viking Ship Park, just behind the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center in Moorhead. The work was funded by the Moorhead State University Foundation Dille Excellence Fund. M.G. Michlovic of MSU, served as principle investigator, Dean Sather as field director, and J.T. Clark supervised the NDSU archaeological crew. Excavators were part of archaeology field schools from MSU and NDSU.

Work at the site was done under a permit issued by the Office of the State Archaeologist in St. Paul, with the permission of the City of Moorhead, and with the cooperation of the staff of the Clay County Historical Society and the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center. The project included site tours as part of the annual "River Front Days" celebration. About 150 people from the community toured the site during excavations.

The purpose of this field study was to discover whether any remnants of the 19th century city of Moorhead remained after the urban renewal projects of the 1960s and 70s. Specifically, archaeologists hoped to find some evidence of the city prior to the turn of the century. The excavations involved 16 square meters in different parts of Viking Ship Park. Thousands of pieces of glass from windows and bottles were found. There were also nails, metal tools (a wrench, pliers, carpenter's square, kitchen utensils, complete or almost complete bottles and jars. Many of these are 1950-1960 era items, such as Coke, Pepsi, 7-Up and Skippy peanut butter bottles and a Folgers coffee can. Other pieces are older and less familiar, mostly from the 1920s to 1960s.

Structural finds include a circular cellar ("root cellar") and a wood-lined privy. Portions of two clay pipes and a bottle bearing an 1877 patent date were found in and near the privy and are suggestive of a 19th century settlement. In one other deep excavation unit, hand-painted ceramics were discovered along with large

quantities of fish and cattle bones. These ceramics probably date to the turn of the century or slightly earlier.

The brief archaeological exploration of historic Moorhead was very successful. Significant historic artifactual and structural remains are present.

The excavations at historic Moorhead indicate that there may be many other places where



Moorhead State University archeology professor Michael Michlovic, at left, explains archeology procedures at the dig in Viking Ship Park on June 13.

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Outreach Displays

	Opens	Closes
Hitterdal Senior Center	Aug. 12	Oct. 14
Ulen-Hitterdal High School	Sept. 5	Oct. 14
Viking Manor, Ulen	Aug. 12	Oct. 14
Hawley Public Library	Aug. 12	Oct. 14
Glyndon Community Center	Aug. 14	Oct. 16
Moorhead Public Library	Aug. 14	Oct. 16
Barnesville Public Library	Aug. 14	Oct. 16

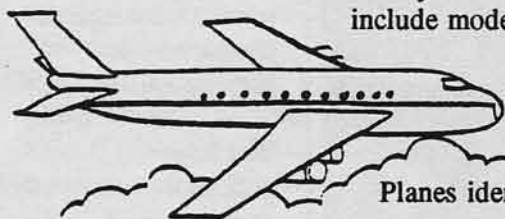
The Hitterdal Senior Center will have FUN IN THE SUN with summer photos, a 1930s swim suit, sunglasses, fishing lures and other signs of summer.

HAIR TODAY/GONE TOMORROW will be at the Ulen-Hitterdal High School library. The artifacts include hair jewelry, curling irons, a shaving mug and razor strop.

The Viking Manor in Ulen will open LET THERE BE LIGHT with a look at lighting devices.

The Hawley Public Library will have FUN & GAMES with marbles, doll house furniture, a WW II serviceman's game kit and other delights.

UP IN THE AIR opens at the Glyndon Community Center. Artifacts include model air plane instructions, a kite and a 1942 Know Your Planes identification wheel.



The Moorhead Public Library has COLLECTIBLES with typical (and not-so typical) items representing a few of the many collecting opportunities - buttons, stamps, snow domes, barbed wire and marbles.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF appears at the Barnesville Public Library featuring presidential memorabilia. Artifacts include pinback buttons, a partisan cookie cutter and sheet music entitled *With Garfield We'll Conquer Again*.

ON LINE: *Then and Now* photo exhibit:
<http://www.gps.com.life/life.htm> (thanks to Great Plains Software, Fargo)

Artifacts & Donors

May/June 1996

Donors include:

Moorhead: Marion Gillespie, Alice Grover Estate, Ila Reiersen, Florence Anderson, Wayne Ingersoll
 Kragnes: Diane Rasmussen
 Elbow Lake: Grant County Historical Society
 Fargo, ND: Gothard Knutson, Gary Goodrich, Louise Redmann, Ron G. Kolb, Fargo Rotary Club
 Glen Ellyn, IL: David Woodward
 Denton, TX: Jack Lester
 El Monte, CA: Janice Dooner

Artifacts include:

Fargo Rotary Club newsletters, minutes, meeting bell, banner & plaque; book, *Quaternary Geology of the Southern Lake Agassiz Basin* and materials entitled *Agassiz Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, Surficial Geological Map and Quaternary Stratigraphy*; (3) photo postcards of Barnesville's GN Depot, First National Bank and High School; (7) vols. records, South Moorhead Betterment Association, ca 1967-1970; (1) annual, Moorhead High School 1917 *ChoKio*; book, *Fifty Years in the Hawley Lutheran Parish*, 1950 w/Anniversary program and 1945 Mpls newspaper feature of Rev. S.G. Hauge;

Lokke family Bible from Sweden 1800 w/family history and (31) identified photos; photocopy of 1979 *Mandt Family Tree*; advertising poster by Gillespie Studio; t-shirt promoting Clay County Wellness; bumper sticker promoting Glyndon; Inaugural FM RedHawks Game program, ticket stubs and magnetic calendar; pinback button, Bush/Quayle campaign of 1992; Post Cereal pricing kit, radio crystal, tin locomotive, Jack Armstrong pedometer, 1945 dictionary of Jive Talk, home-made wooden tugboat, toy typewriter, model airplane kit items and a *Junior Spelling & Number Board*; ukalin-like instrument, banjo, and lute;

Needlework items, clothing and accessories belonging to Alice Grover; Mattel Electronics Intellivision base unit and game cartridges from late 1970s - early 1980s; man's 1914 dress coat; Monopoly-like game, *Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo* with laminated board, men and currency; token from the Comstock Hotel in Moorhead.

Keep the Kids Busy or "Are we there, yet?" On the Road, Again

Five years ago we printed four road games from a booklet in our collections called *Ford Travel Games*. We recalled traveling in the 1950s in an non-airconditioned car with the kids bouncing around in the back seat. Phrases like "I have to go to the bathroom," and "I'm thirsty," might still echo in your memory.

One parent, Edmund Beaver of Spring Grove, Minnesota, developed these *travel games* for his children "whose restlessness during childhood days, first made these games necessary." In 1954, Ford Motor Company developed this special edition from the regular edition entitled *Travel Games*. The booklet was distributed through Ford dealerships.

There are thirty games in the booklet. Most of the games are scavenger type where you find any 10 of







the 12 items listed or any 8 of the 12 if you want to make it easier. Many games have spaces to check off the same items on the 1st Day and the 2nd Day. Presumably, you've reached your destination before the 3rd day dawns. Prizes were suggested for winners for "the first Day at 3 o'clock," or "at the end of the first 100 miles, 200 miles, etc." The first game in the book is a Contest of States: "Cars Seen from the Following [48] States First Seen By" followed by a line for the child's name. Four lines for recording foreign cars are at the bottom.

Two of the games from the 1954 booklet are printed here plus two games developed especially for this issue. Take this page along the next time you hit the road.

For safety reasons, the driver should not participate.

Highway Contest





(Find any ten to win)

- | 1st
day | 2nd
day | | |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1—() | () | Car with hood open |  |
| 2—() | () | Station Wagon |  |
| 3—() | () | Car making left turn | |
| 4—() | () | Car with top luggage carrier |  |
| 5—() | () | Big Red 6 wheel Truck | |
| 6—() | () | Convertible car | |
| 7—() | () | Jeep |  |
| 8—() | () | Car with spot light | |
| 9—() | () | Semi-truck standing still |  |
| 10—() | () | Model A Ford | |
| 11—() | () | Road construction equipment | |
| 12—() | () | Car pulling House trailer |  |

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Nature Contest A

(Find any ten to win)

- | 1st
Day | 2nd
Day | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1—() | () | Bird on Building |  |
| 2—() | () | Bird on wire facing Highway |  |
| 3—() | () | Field of Grain | |
| 4—() | () | Cat |  |
| 5—() | () | Flower on Left Side of Road | |
| 6—() | () | Vine on Stone Wall | |
| 7—() | () | Stream of Water | |
| 8—() | () | Farm Animal Eating | |
| 9—() | () | Dead Animal or Bird on Highway | |
| 10—() | () | Wild Animal as Rabbit, Gopher, etc. | |
| 11—() | () | Uprooted Tree | |
| 12—() | () | Dead Tree |  |

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1996 ON THE ROAD, AGAIN

(Find any ten to win)

- | 1st
Day | 2nd
Day |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. () | () Train with container cars |
| 2. () | () Semi with three trailer units |
| 3. () | () Minivan pulling a trailer |
| 4. () | () Child riding in a [safety] car seat |
| 5. () | () Custom van with a scenic design |
| 6. () | () Driver or passenger using a cellular phone |
| 7. () | () Construction zone sign indicating that a fine is imposed for exceeding the posted speed |
| 8. () | () Portable, concrete lane barrier |
| 9. () | () Adopt a Highway sign (telling who picks up litter for a specific number of miles) |
| 10. () | () Exotic farm animal (ex. bison, llama, emu) |
| 11. () | () Self storage facility |
| 12. () | () Rest stop with an information center |

1996 EXIT ONLY

(Find any ten to win)

- | 1st
Day | 2nd
Day |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. () | () Balloon used to advertise (ex. at car dealership or on a hot air balloon) |
| 2. () | () A limousine |
| 3. () | () Special handicapped license plate, sticker or rear view mirror sign |
| 4. () | () Day care sign |
| 5. () | () Fast food business with playground equipment |
| 6. () | () Gas station advertising Full Service |
| 7. () | () Video store |
| 8. () | () ATM [Automatic Teller Machine] site |
| 9. () | () Rummage/garage sale sign |
| 10. () | () Recycling drop-off container(s) |
| 11. () | () Compost pile |
| 12. () | () House with one or more solar panels |

Family History Workshop XXI set for Saturday, Sept. 21

Our European Connection is the theme for Family History Workshop XXI scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Moorhead State University Comstock Memorial Union. Ann Wuehler, senior reference consultant for British research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, will present three sessions on beginning, intermediate and advanced English research and a fourth on Scots-Irish migrations.

Other presenters and their topics include: Leslie Rogne of Kindred, genealogist for the Hadeland Lag of America, Norwegian genealogical records; Rose Sinclair of Fargo, German genealogy; Daryl McCowan Dumaski of Winnipeg, genealogical resources in Manitoba; Beverly Paulson of Moorhead, Swedish genealogy; Chuck Walen of Fargo, computerized resources of family history libraries across the U.S.; Jackie Marler of Fargo, introduction to genealogical research; Marlin Thorsgaard, U.S. Veterans Administration, Fargo, on researching military records; Diane Haugen, Fargo-Moorhead writer, editor and document designer, on how to organize, archive and handle a family history in book form; Marcela Faflak of Moorhead, on searching for



relatives and ancestors in the Czech Republic; Dr. Bernie Altenberg of Fargo, software for genealogical research and publishing; Jeanne Alm, Moorhead State University computer services, on using genealogical sites on the World Wide Web; and Ken Smemo, Moorhead State history department, on "The Viking Impact Abroad and Its Relevance for Family History."

The workshop runs from 8-4:30 p.m. A noon luncheon will feature awards for family history research and entertainment by two Heather and Thistle bagpipers. Booths and exhibits for approximately 20 organizations and vendors will be on display.

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.

Daily Park: Moorhead's Smallest Park

By Mark Peihl

If you've driven south on Moorhead's 4th Street in the last 12 years or so, you may have noticed a sign on a grassy traffic divider at 3rd Avenue South saying "Daily Park - Moorhead's Smallest Park." It's no joke. It really is a city park, all 562 square feet. The park owes its existence to two sometimes contradictory forces - the desire for city parks and the rise of the automobile.

In the late 1800s, 4th Street South was a major thoroughfare. It was the gateway connecting the growing residential neighborhoods around Woodlawn Park and along the River with the heart of Moorhead's downtown commercial district. It was alternately muddy and dusty, and unpaved, like most Moorhead streets.

At Barlow Avenue (now 3rd Ave. S.), 4th Street connected with another dirt road, Ridge Avenue (today's 3rd Street). Ridge Avenue skirted the high ground overlooking the Red River to the west. Ridge continued south over a bridge spanning a coulee at 6th Avenue South (the same drainage that runs through Knapp Park, Concordia College and Prairie Home Cemetery). Across the bridge, Ridge Avenue headed out onto the prairies south of town.

Other streets had been improved in town. In 1894, parts of Center Avenue, Main Avenue and the section of 4th Street between them were paved with cedar blocks. Eight-inch slices of cedar logs were laid on end on a base of fir planks. Workmen scattered sand over

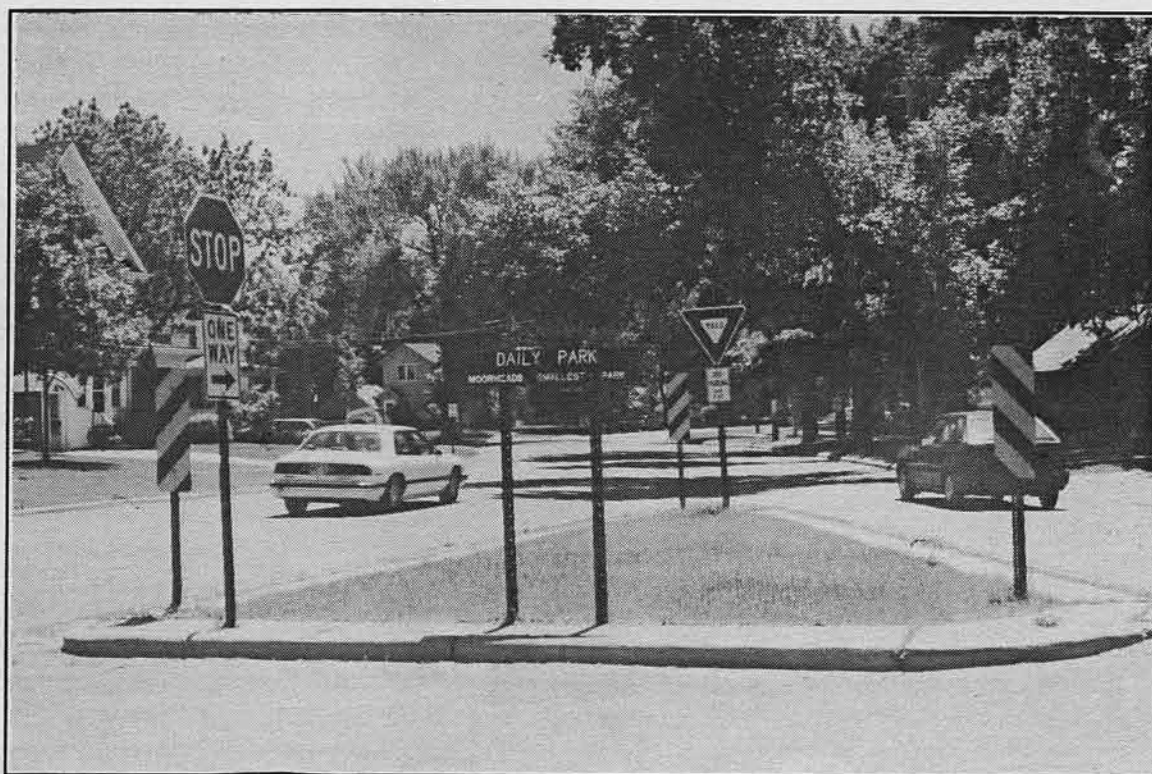
the top to fill the spaces between the round blocks.

In 1904, the Fargo-Moorhead Electric Street Railway laid tracks down nearby 6th Street South giving that neighborhood a boost. But 4th Street remained mud and dirt.

Getting around in a horse and buggy was hard enough, but after 1910, automobiles were also getting stuck on the city's streets. As internal combustion engines improved, the gas powered contraptions became extremely popular, eventually changing the way we live.

The first autos were very expensive. Doctors, lawyers and other highly paid professionals were the first to get behind the wheel. These were also people of power and influence in Moorhead.

In April 1912, local car owners formed the Moorhead
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NO KIDDING, IT REALLY IS A PARK - all .013 acres of it. Daily Park also serves as a traffic divider. At extreme right is the Moorhead Garden Club's "Pioneer Cabin."

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Auto Club to lobby for improved roads and auto interests generally. Many charter members lived along 4th Street. One was wholesale liquor dealer and former 2nd Ward Alderman Ralph Pederson. 1912 was a very wet year. Apparently tired of pulling his Rambler out of the mud, in October Pederson began circulating a petition asking the city to pave 4th Street. Costs would be assessed to property owners along the street. Pederson's neighbors signed up quickly, but a major street improvement in a residential area was still an innovation. The details of how to pay for the paving would require changes in the city charter. The Charter Commission mulled the issue for two years.

Finally, in 1914, the city hired Stephen Birch and Sons to improve 4th Street. The contract called for creosote soaked rectangular cedar blocks to be laid on a concrete bed from Main Avenue south to the coulee bridge on 6th Avenue. South of the bridge to 9th Avenue, the city experimented with a new idea: concrete paving reinforced with steel mesh.

Birch finished 4th Street in September. Within a week the *Moorhead Weekly News* was complaining about motorists roaring down the new paving at 30 to 40 miles per hour! A potential danger spot, where 3rd

Street merged with 4th, was made somewhat safer by placing a 30-foot-long, triangle-shaped traffic divider where the streets came together. The grassy divider helped sort out who was to drive where.

A nearby neighbor, Michael J. Daily (or Daly or Daley depending on which source you consult) viewed the intersection with interest. Daily was an Irish widower and a gardener who owned a nursery. He asked the city for permission to plant the divider with flowers and shrubs to beautify the area and to help advertise his business. The city agreed. Through the early 1920s, the spot became known as "Daily Park."

In the mid '20s, the aging gardener joined family members out west and the plot was neglected.

In 1931, local flower enthusiasts formed the Moorhead Garden Club. One member was 2nd Ward Alderman Adolph W. Bowman. He had been instrumental in starting the Moorhead Parks Department and had done much to promote recreational facilities for kids. A park at 4th Avenue South and 4th Street had been named Bowman Park in his honor. (It's now part of Woodlawn Park.)



Daily Park in 1936. The stone slab was placed in anticipation of a bronze plaque from the American Elm Association.

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Bowman and the Club planned to build a clubhouse in Bowman Park from logs that had originally come from Burbank Station, a stagecoach stop that predated Moorhead. (That's a whole other story, which we'll tell here sometime.)

While the cabin progressed, the Club took on nearby Daily Park as a project. In 1932, the Club planted an elm tree in the divider to commemorate the bicentennial of George Washington's birth. Groups all over the country planted such trees at the suggestion of the American Elm Association. Fourteen-year-old Andre Houghlum lived right across the street and volunteered to care for the tree as a Boy Scout project.

Bowman also erected in the little park a bird bath made from a fountain which had watered horses in downtown Moorhead for many

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years. He set up a stone slab which the Garden Club hoped would eventually hold a bronze plaque from the American Elm Association. The Association sent a paper certificate instead, so the slab remained blank.

The divider provided a popular rest stop for birds through the 1930s.

By 1940 the creosoted blocks were causing problems. They would absorb water, swell and pop up out of the street. The reinforced concrete between 6th and 9th Avenues, however, had worked well. In September, Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers repaved 4th Street with concrete. The new design did away with the divider. The city moved the

bird bath and elm tree to Bowman Park, and Daily Park disappeared.

In 1983, 4th Street was again repaved. This time the divider was back. Mike Tymkiw of the city's sign department had heard about Daily Park from long-time residents. As a gag, he made a sign reading "Daley Park - Moorhead's Smallest Park." Later the Park Board decided it was a neat idea and officially made it a park.

According to the Park District's *1996 Spring/Summer Recreation Program*, "Daily Park" (301 3rd Avenue South, .013 acres) has no amenities. But folks with lawn chairs occasionally relax on the grassy spot and at least one marriage has occurred in Moorhead's smallest park.

1928 Chevy Cabrolet represents CCHS at several area parades

Maynard Frisk of Hawley is the owner and driver of the green 1928 Chevy Cabrolet pictured here at the Felton Field Days Parade on June 15. The car won first place in the Antique Auto Division.

The car also appeared in the Hitterdal Parade and the Hawley Rodeo Parade, both on June 22. The magnetic sign on the door of the car promotes Clay County

Museum and Archives with the theme "Look Now - at Yesterday."

Maynard acquired the car through the efforts of his brother Malcolm Frisk of Fargo, who is well known in this area for his restoration expertise.

According to Maynard, when Malcolm got the car it

was in pieces and took a lot of work to put back together. Some of the painting, etc. was farmed out. The tires are unique in that in the early 1930s, a lower, wider tire became the norm making it harder to get replacements parts for this 1928 model.

Traditionally there are fewer Chevys restored than the Model A and T Fords partly because the Chevrolets had a lot of wood in them and therefore are harder to restore. This 1928 vintage Cabrolet (pronounced cab-row-lay) sports a rumble seat and a top that can be put down.



Maynard Frisk drove his 1928 Chevy at the Felton Field Days Parade. Riding with Maynard is Paul Frisk (front seat) and Sarah Frisk and Lisa Pahl in the rumble seat.

Memorials received for Dewey Bergquist

Dewey Bergquist, well known WDAY Weatherman, died on May 31. One of Dewey's passions was his Swedish grandfather's log cabin built in 1870. Known as the Bergquist Pioneer Cabin, the building has the distinction of being the oldest house in Moorhead still on its original site. Renovated by the Bergquist Pioneer Cabin Society in 1977, the building was donated to CCHS in 1989 for perpetual preservation.

An open house is held at the Cabin in June each year in conjunction with the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival.

This year the open house served as a special time for family and friends of Dewey to gather and reminisce about his life and its impact on them and the extended community he lived and worked in.

Because of Dewey's commitment to the Pioneer Cabin, his family requested Memorials be sent to CCHS for the Cabin Fund.

The following Memorials have been received in Dewey's name:

Agnes Hornbacher of Moorhead, Katherine Mackay of Minneapolis, Luverne Kiene of Kennedy, Ruth Franzen of Fargo, Jesse and Pearle Parsons of Ponsford, Gail and Norma Rubink of Underwood, Kelly and Merrill Bergquist of Tigard, OR, Larry and Sue Bergquist of Silverton, OR, Ruth Swanson of Moorhead, Loren Helmeke of Georgetown, John and Carol Haukebo of Detroit Lakes, Margaret, Richard

and Sarah Reed of Moorhead, Marion Haukebo Powers of Minneapolis, Rudy Haukebo of Battle Lake, Margaret and John Brophy of Corvallis, OR, Clarice Falk of Roseau, Noel and Jennifer Haukebo of Bozeman, MT, John and Florence Jenkins of Moorhead, Lucille Thurlow of Fargo, Bill and Isabelle Weaver of Fargo, Linda Hassoun of Fargo, Reinhold and Crystal Utke of Moorhead, Homer and Esther

Saetre of Battle Lake, Roland and Beth Dille of Moorhead, Herbert

and Olive Haukebo of Pelican Rapids, G.K.

and Doris Haukebo of

Pelican Rapids, Bill Snyder of Fargo, Duffy's Inc. of Fargo, Wayne and

Lois Swenson of Bismarck,

Bernice

Binford of

Moorhead,

Marrion Walsh

of Moorhead,

Nancy

Wucherpennig

of Burnsville,

Grace Landin

of

Moorhead

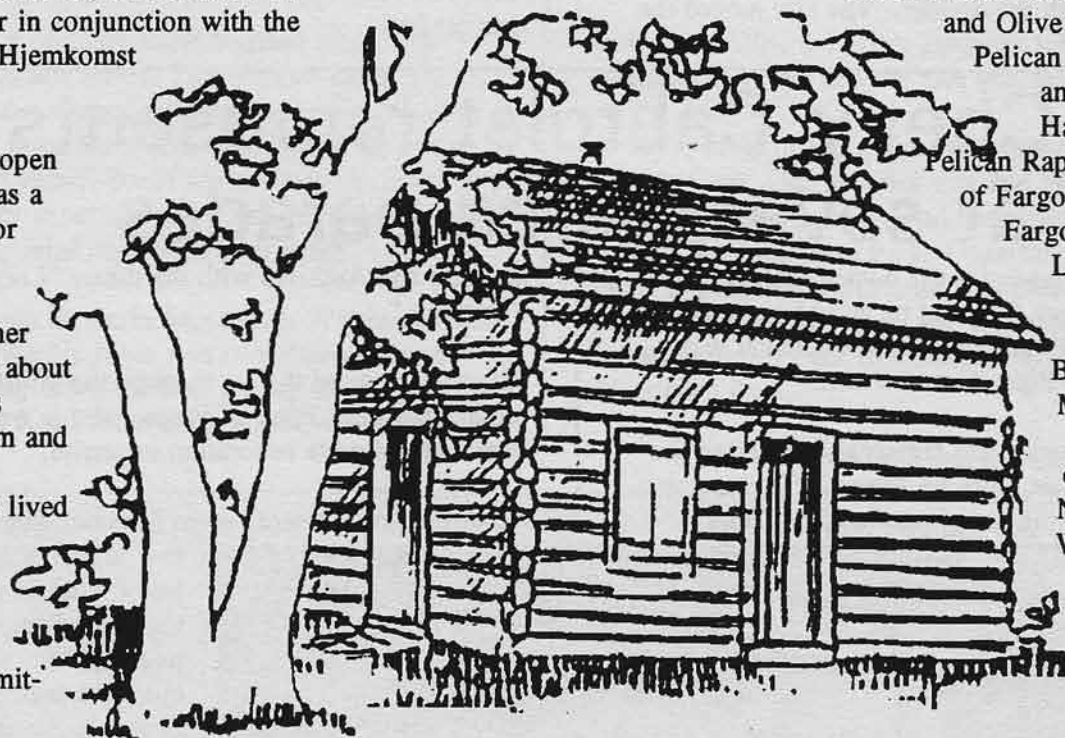
and Lucille

and Edgar

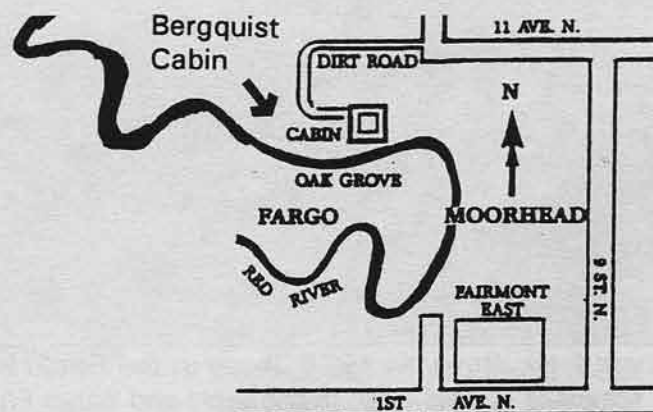
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The Bergquist Pioneer Cabin is located on the Red River, just off of 11th Avenue North, Moorhead.



One-room school comes alive in May

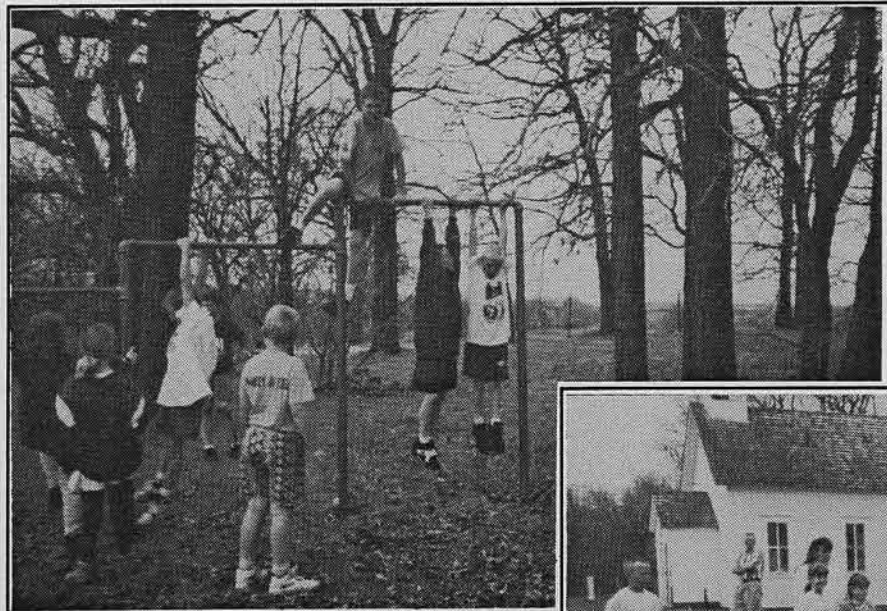
District #3 Woodland School near Rollag was the site of some hands-on living history in May. Retired teacher and librarian Bette Haring opened the school for four days in May. Students from Hawley's third and fifth grades were invited to attend the school and learn first hand what it was like to attend school in the 'good old days.'

School District #3 has the distinction of being the first and the last rural school in Clay County. The first

three bars, but from the thank you notes received we can surmise that they enjoyed the old time games.

Here are a few observations from the thank you letters to Mrs. Haring (spelling original): "Thangs for bring us to that nice school... We had lots of fun playing that old game that you played....We like seeing the old, old stuff...." "Thank you for inviting us to come. I had a great time. I really enjoyed going there. The desks were very nice. So was everything else. Did you know that I have one of those books that was in one of those desks? I have We are Neighbors!....."

"The best part was lunch. But thank you for taking us to distrik #3. I had a great time." "Thank you for letting us come to the Dist. Number three school. It was neat, interesting and cool. It was interesting learning about the old school. The games we played were fun too!!" "Thank you for giving us the buttons and

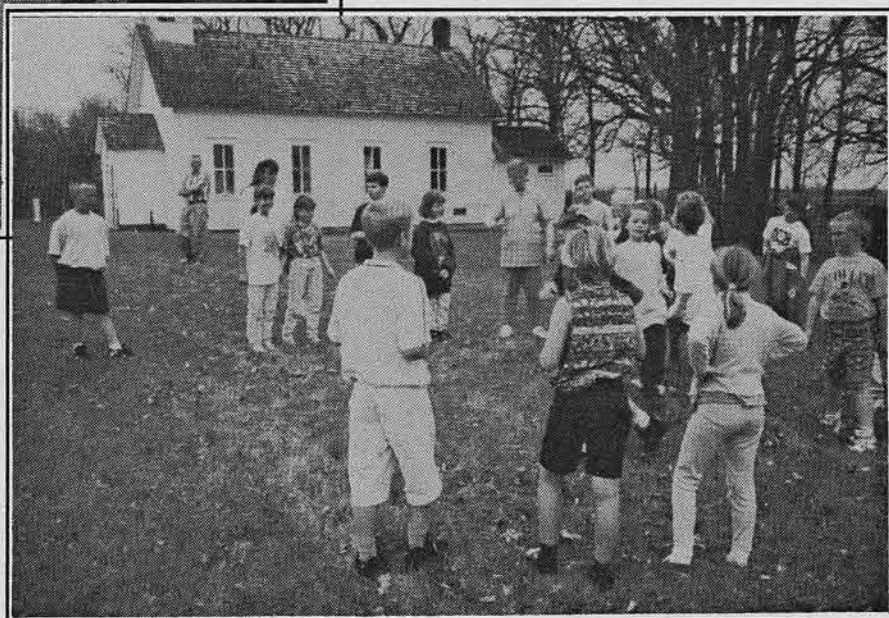


Three graduated monkey bars drew lots of attention from these Hawley 3rd Graders

school was built as a chapel in the fall and winter of 1872-73. The exterior of the present building, built in 1895, has changed very little over the years.

Third grade students of Mrs. Carol Lewis that attended District #3 for a day include: Jennifer Dahl, Blake Anderson, Brianne Grandbois, Amanda Hansen, Allan Baer, Travis Rheault, Jonathan Rundle, Jesse Norman, Adam Spieker, Laura Swenson, Katie Pruitt, Lydia Hanson, Kristin Aarsvold, Hannah J. Davis, Melissa McKay, Marissa Laddusaw, Greg Martodam and Royce Wenner. Roy Jorgenson was the bus driver and Coleen Gruenberg volunteer aide.

According to Mrs. Haring, one of the most impressive things for the students was recess and being outside almost instantly. They weren't too impressed with the playground equipment, since it consists of only



Teacher Carol Lewis explains the rules of the game as the 3rd Graders took recess. The school's exterior looks much the same as when it was built in 1895.

more information on paper. It was really interesting learning about the old school. It was FUN!! I learned alot of stuff about the school that I never knew before. It was fun playing the games they used to when they were in that school."

"Thank you for inviting us to Dis. #3. It was really fun there. I would like your adress so I could write to you. P.S. Your really funny."

A busy, busy June - - -

Clay County Historical Society Staff and Volunteers were busy in June with a full schedule. Summer festivities got a jump start on June 13 with a day-long 10th Anniversary Celebration to commemorate the opening of the Hjemkomst Center back in 1986.

CCHS featured behind-the-scenes tours, a slide presentation and the highlight of the day - two fire trucks from two very different eras. The 1936 Buffalo Fire Truck, an open cab pumper, was available for photo opportunities and a modern aerial truck was available, courtesy of the Moorhead Fire Department, for bucket rides. The two very diverse trucks proved to be popular. Over 100 people of all ages rode in the bucket 85 feet in the air for an aerial view of the Fargo-Moorhead area.

During the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival, an open house was held at the Bergquist Pioneer Cabin with Ruth Franzen coordinating the event co-sponsored by CCHS and the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society.

Mary Jane Nelson of Moorhead won the door prize, a bobbin lace doily, made and donated by Pam Burkhardt. There were 147 people registered for the prize, including many visitors from Sweden.

The CCHS booth at the Clay County Fair at Barnesville featured an exhibit. The exhibit "An End and a Beginning" tells the story of the tragic plane crash of Buddy Holly in 1959 and the beginning of Bobby Vee's career. The exhibit was

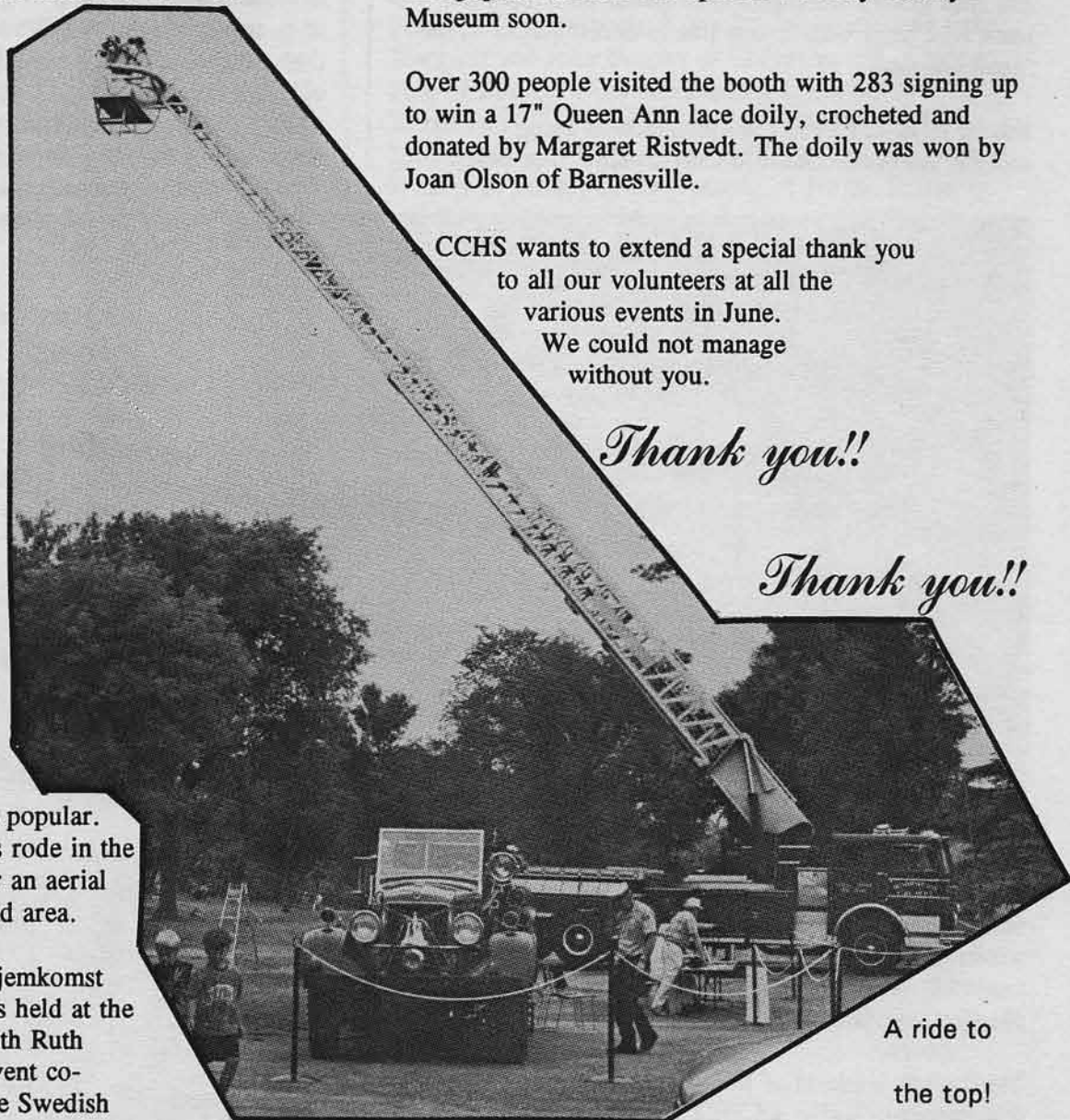
enhanced by an audio of Buddy Holly's greatest hits. The popular exhibit will open in the Clay County Museum soon.

Over 300 people visited the booth with 283 signing up to win a 17" Queen Ann lace doily, crocheted and donated by Margaret Ristvedt. The doily was won by Joan Olson of Barnesville.

CCHS wants to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers at all the various events in June. We could not manage without you.

Thank you!!

Thank you!!



A ride to
the top!



Get your picture taken here!!

Viking Ship Park Dig

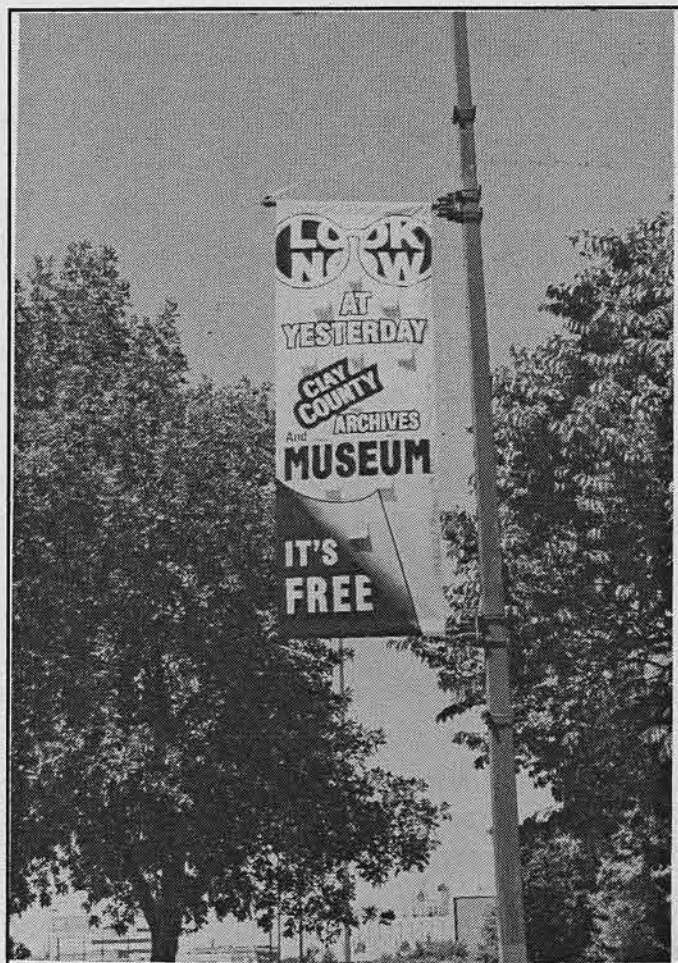
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historic remains are preserved, even in urban settings.

As the City of Moorhead approaches its 125th anniversary, there is reason to hope that part of its history still lies buried in the ground, awaiting future study.



Some of the artifacts uncovered in a cistern, a water catchment that probably sat beneath a home on the Point.



Donations

May/June 1996

Many thanks to the following for their monetary gifts to CCHS.

Katherine Erickson, Moorhead
 Prosequi Club, Moorhead
 Dorothy Dodds, Moorhead
 Charis, Concordia College, Moorhead
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 Betsy Vinz, Moorhead
 Mary Ziegenhagen, Burnsville
 Sherrie Scambler, Rego Park, NY

Clay County Museum and Archives has a new banner just outside the entrance to the Hjemkomst Center at 202 1st Ave. N., Moorhead. The theme "Look Now - at Yesterday" was developed and designed by retired graphic arts teacher Roger Goettsch of Moorhead, a CCHS volunteer. The banner promotes the new status of our admissions policy - with the museum and archives now free to the public.

CCHS Memberships - New and Renewals

May/June 1996

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

Kenneth Dahl, Felton
Robert L. Gerke, Moorhead
Gene Christensen, Glyndon
Lyle and Grace Clark, Moorhead
Katherine Erickson, Moorhead
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Marice and Garnet Floberg, Moorhead
Justine Swanson, Fargo
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Ramona Kooren, Hawley
Leona Overby, Moorhead
Betsy Vinz, Moorhead
Evert Wiisanen, Moorhead

Conn M. Bjerke, Moorhead
Howard Roos, St. Louis, MO
Jean Doty, Hawley
John Jenkins, Moorhead
Elna M. Carlson, Moorhead
Patrick Colliton, Fargo

CCHS welcomes the following new members:

Susan and Michael Belawski, Roseville
Ray Stensrud, Moorhead
Vera Knapp, Moorhead
Lorraine Moser, Fargo
Donna Nelson, Moorhead
Mary Ziegenhagen, Burnsville
M/M Loren Ingebretsen, Felton
Judy Yaeger Jones, St. Paul

Business Memberships

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

Altrusa International Club, Moorhead
American Bank, Moorhead
Bentley & Bentley, DDS, Hawley
Case Corporation, Fargo
Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc., Fargo
City of Barnesville, Barnesville
F-M Printing, Moorhead
Fargo Forum, Fargo
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and Guy, Ltd, Moorhead
Home Builders Association
of Fargo-Moorhead

Hornbachers Foods, Moorhead
Korsmo Funeral Service, Moorhead
Mid-Day Lions, Moorhead
Mhd Area Retired Educators Association
Moorhead Central Lions Club, Moorhead
Moorhead Kiwanis, Moorhead
Norwest Bank MN, West N.A., Mhd
Sellin Brothers, Hawley
United Electric Serv. & Supply, Inc, Fgo
Wal-Mart Foundation, Dilworth
Ward Muscatell Auto, Moorhead
Wright Awning Company, Moorhead
Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead

(See the back cover for information on becoming a business member.)

Degree of Honor donation received

The Moorhead Lodge 160 Degree of Honor has chosen CCHS for a local Civic Project. Marjorie Froemke of the Degree of Honor Lodge presented CCHS Office Manager Margaret Ristvedt with a check for \$88.65. The Degree of Honor group is considering the historical society for ongoing volunteer work.

On the Net -----

If you are a net head or just like local history, point your browser to:
<http://homer.cc.ndsu.nodak.edu/~schwert/stockwd/stockwd.htm>.



CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM features

"60 Years of Collecting"

The Clay County Museum opened in 1936 with 107 articles on view. Today our collections total over 20,000 artifacts. Come see some of the first articles collected and some of the most popular, including a few of our curiosities and relics.

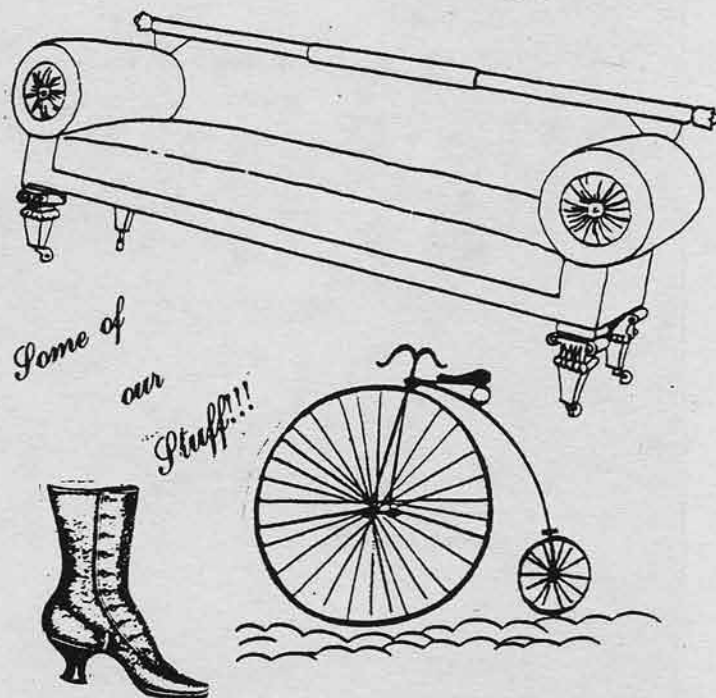
Closing Soon:

"Moorhead, August 1923"

A unique view of what Moorhead looked like in 1923, frozen forever in O.E. Flaten's photographs.

"Old Ruby: Red River of the North"

Topics include: steamboating & recreation



The Clay County Museum

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
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☐ . \$ 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.

Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

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Phone #: _____

CCHS-1996 Membership Form

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

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

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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| * Support preservation of our heritage | * Discount on Photo Reproduction |
| * Bi-monthly newsletter | * Voting Privileges |
| * Discount on Acid-Free Materials | * Invitation to all CCHS events |
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