Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival June 21-24

including

Pioneer Play - June 21 & 23 (See Page 5) and

Bergquist Cabin Open House June 21, 22 & 23 (See Page 14)

Clay County Veterans march down Center Avenue in Moorhead in a welcome home parade; May 1947. Many World War II vets filed discharge records with the county. See associated story Pages 6-10.

Courtesy of Climate Architects: The Moorhead Chamber of Commerce 1927-1977
President’s Report

By Norman Roos, President

The "President’s Report" will return in the July/August Newsletter. See election of new directors on Page 14.

CCHS web site coming soon

CCHS is in the process of developing a web site, which will be on-line soon.

Clay County has generously offered to host our site on the County’s web server. Our thanks go out to County Administrator Vijay Sethi and Geographical Information Systems head, Mark Sloan!

The address will be www.info.co.clay.mn.us/history.

CCHS Archivist Mark Peihl has been working on the design and content of the site. Peihl noted that the CCHS site will have vital information about the Clay County Historical Society including the Museum and Archives, plus materials that can be researched on-line.

The Moorhead sections for the 1891 and 1915 City Directories and a 1933 Rural Resident Directory are ready to go on-line once the site is up and running. Plans are to scan in more directories as time allows.

Our site will include links to the Hjemkomst Center, the Fargo Moorhead CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau) and other county historical societies.

Watch for this exciting new tool as we continue to fulfill our mission statement to "collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge of Clay County’s history" in ever newer and more innovative ways.

Upcoming Schedule:

Preservation Workshop ................. May 17
Keeping in Touch hall exhibit closes ........ June 11
Bergquist Cabin Open House .......... June 21, 22 & 23
Scandinavian Festival ......... June 21-24
Pioneer Play Home is Where the Heart Is June 21 & 23

Call 299-5520 for more information.

CCHS Wish List: City Directories

CCHS Archives has a complete set of Fargo-Moorhead Directories...complete, that is, from 1891 through 1994. We would like to update the collection to the present.

If you have directories dating between 1995 and 2001, please contact Mark at 218-299-5520. Thanks!

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The Language of (spring) Flowers

Hello? Florist? I want to order a spring bouquet with daffodils, no peonies, no columbine.....! No, wait! I’ll just buy a bi-i-i-g box of chocolates!

Our recent snowfall did nothing to remind us that it is really spring outside. Snow [or a snowflake] represents winter just as a leaf represents the fall. From the Renaissance through the Victorian era, certain flowers or plants were assigned various attributes. A careful selection of flowers was as good as a written message to anyone familiar with the same "code." So, to pay a final tribute to our Keeping in Touch exhibit, closing June 11, we present a few spring flowers and plants with the message(s) each one would send.

The primary list was taken from the book Twentieth Century Etiquette, A Ready Manual for all Occasions, written by Annie Randall White and published in 1900. The items in brackets are alternative meanings taken from other sources. In the Victorian era over 200 books were written on the language of flowers. I hope the correspondents agreed on a source. As you can see, buttercups and tulips sent with ivy would send a mixed message.

Richard Herring’s Floral Park, Hitterdal, CA 1917. Herring, an immigrant from Berkshire, England, came to know and admire flower gardens during his boyhood in England. After settling in Hitterdal, Herring put his knowledge to good use by designing a botanical showplace. The floral garden abutted the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks and trains would sometimes stop an extra fifteen minutes so passengers could get off and make a tour of it. The railroad even published a pamphlet advertising the Floral Park.
**Outreach Displays**

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The Barnesville Public Library is CHOCOLATE CENTERED. By the box or by the bar, this is a "sweet" display. Warning! This display contains no calories, but is high in temptation!

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED opened in April at the Hawley Public Library. Remember what you built with your Erector set, Lincoln logs, Legos or Tinker Toys? You might even be tempted to dig out an old jigsaw puzzle or two. We don’t want to bug you, but check out the game in this display. It was invented in Minnesota!

Simple toys with NO BATTERIES NEEDED opened at the Moorhead Public Library in April. Look for your favorite toys amongst the marbles, crayons and toys for the doll house or sand box. What simple toys were your favorites?

The Fargo Moorhead Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, just off 1-94 will be ROLLIN’ ON THE RED this summer. Visitors can view a photo display highlighting steamboats on the Red River, admire an early 1930s swimsuit and check out artifacts from early Moorhead saloons while learning about our fascinating river! – Next step? Visit the Hjemkomst Center, of course.

**Artifacts & Donors**

**MARCH/APRIL 2001**

**Donors include:**


Glyndon: Don & Alvina Lein, Bob Backman

Hawley: Margaret Ristvedt

Borup: Lee Kolle

**Artifacts include:**

Photo of Dan McDonald, Clay Co. Sheriff & Archie Whaley beside a snow-equipped motorcycle with a side car; 16 page transcript, My Military Life a WWII account by Audrey Thomas; the Praeceptor, MSTC, 1887-1937 Golden Anniversary issue; a photo of cousins Hazel Bradford & Ellen Bradford taken in the late 1910s; a violet ray machine* with a wooden case; the first (?) facsimile machine in Moorhead - a Xerox telecopier used before 1980 by Foss Associates (donation includes training booklets and special paper); a cookbook, Chinese Dishes (undated) from the American Cafe, Fargo ND including the history of restaurant as well as a collection of needlework booklets and Fairway spice tins; and two boxes containing Civil Defense radiation detection units dated April 1963; numerous items added to the Bowman/Onstine collections include photos of individual Moorhead High School students in the mid-1930s, (3) photos of former students at the 50 reunions of the classes of 1933, 1934 and 1935, a few 1930s class play and graduation programs, report cards from Moorhead Public Schools from 1923 to 1949, a banner-hankie from the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome Project Tour July 16-17, 1988 given to their volunteers, graduation dress, wedding dress, collar sets (some hand made), two booklets, Post Office Souvenir Moorhead, Minnesota, February 12, 1915 and Souvenir of Moorhead, Minnesota 1905-1906.

**Monetary Donations**

**March/April 2001**

Douglas R. Heidenreich, St. Paul  
Phil & June Felde, Moorhead  
Hickson Pleasant Senior Citizens, Hickson  
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Swedish Cultural Heritage Society, Fargo/Moorhead  
Dr. Yvonne Condell, Moorhead  
Kathrine Erickson, Moorhead  
Catherine & Burton Grover, Bellingham WA

*Violet ray machine was a quackery device sold from the 1930s to 1951. These devices came with several hollow glass attachments. The 'rake' was for the scalp. The 'Y' attachment treated the neck and throat and the "O" was for general use. Supposedly, "radio energy" from the coil created ozone and ultraviolet light. The machine was also reputed to remove dandruff, aid in stopping hair loss, treat gonorrhea, remove facial blemishes, and improve the nervous and circulatory systems. In 1951, a judgement was found against the White Cross company for making fraudulent claims.
Pioneer play to be presented during Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival

The pioneer play Home is Where the Heart Is will be presented at the Hjemkomst Center during the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival on June 21 and 23.

The play depicts a nine year old, Kirsten Larson, who immigrates from Sweden to Minnesota with her family in 1854. Historically accurate, the play, like the immigrant experience, shows the wide range of emotions experienced by the Larson family. The joy of new discoveries and the excitement of adventure is often tempered by the loss of old friends and customs. The play takes the Larsons from Sweden to the docks of New York, a boarding house in Chicago and finally up the Mississippi River to their new home in Minnesota.

Cast roles include Kirsten's mother - played by Hannah Chapman, her father, played by Michael Champ, and cousins Lisbeth and Anna, played by Briane Melle and Amy Vitalis-Hoffmann. The roles of Kirsten and her good friend Marta are yet to be cast. Sarah Wassberg will play the violin for set changes and Rachel Wassberg will usher. Karen Myran of Hawley is the Casting Director, Vicki Paulsen is the Director and Jan Nelson is in charge of costumes, props and stage settings.

The play, from the American Girls Collection, Pleasant Company Publications, is designed to help you imagine growing up in times past and to bring history alive. Home is Where the Heart Is is being co-sponsored by CCHS and the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society.

Show Time:
1 p.m.
Thur. & Sat.
June 21 & 23

An 1850s Theater
There weren't many theaters in 1854, so traveling groups performed wherever they could. In St. Paul, Minnesota - the big city nearest to Kirsten - plays were performed in Cataract Hall, on the third floor of Spooner's Building.
# Eleventh Census of the United States
## SPECIAL SCHEDULE
### SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS, ETC.

Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of the rebellion (who are survivors) and widows of such persons, in the City of [city], County of [county], State of [state], enumerated in June, 1860.

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(1864-2001)
Overlooked Genealogy Resources
By Mark Peihl

Long time publisher of the Moorhead Daily News George N. Lamphere (Number 6 on the Civil War Veterans Census at left) served as a Private in Company B, 16th Connecticut Infantry. He lost his left arm and was discharged in Feb. 1865.

May Burnham Collection

Each year several hundred researchers visit the CCHS archives. Hundreds of others call, email or post letters to us requesting information. About half of these folks are genealogists. Our collections reflect that fact - we've been pretty aggressive in collecting materials helpful to family historians. Most of our researchers are satisfied with the usual sources - US census records, naturalization records, our index to death and marriage records filed in the Clay County Recorder's office and newspapers for obituaries. Sometimes, however, I can persuade researchers to look a bit deeper, to plumb some resources often overlooked by genealogists. Last fall the Moorhead's Lake Aggasiz Regional Library asked me to provide a program in a lecture series for genealogists. I jumped at the chance to focus people's attention on these fun but obscure tools. Some we have featured here before: World War I Draft Registration Cards and Alien Registration Forms (Nov/Dec 2000), Great Northern and Northern Pacific Personnel File Indexes (Sept/Oct 2000), Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (March/April 1992, Nov/Dec 1995). Here we'll discuss several other sources and different ways to use some old favorites.

TAX RECORDS

Until the mid 1960s Minnesota counties levied taxes on one's personal property - cattle, furniture, machinery, sewing machines and the like. Tax appraisers visited homes and assessed valuation on the stuff people owned. The resulting Personal Property Tax Assessment Rolls reflect the number and valuation of a wide variety of property. They provide a very detailed look at what a family owned and its relative affluence as compared to its neighbors. They are also good tools to just place a family member in a particular place at a particular time. Nearly every household had personal property to tax. The tax man was less likely to miss a family than was a census enumerator. CCHS holds Personal Property Tax Assessment Rolls for most or all Clay County villages, cities or townships for 1872 through 1879 or 1880, a scattering of townships' rolls for the mid 1880s and for the years 1927, 1935, 1945 and 1955. We will soon be adding, through the cooperation of Clay County Assessor Loren Johnson and the State Archives, the Tax Rolls for 1965 and 1975. We'll also be purchasing microfilm copies of the Tax Rolls from the State Archives for the years 1930-31, 1940-41, 1950-1951 and 1960.

CCHS also holds some Tax Lists. These records hold less information than the Tax Rolls but record who paid taxes, how much and when. We hold some from the 1880s and we will also soon be receiving, through the cooperation of the Clay County Treasurer Betty Swetland and the Minnesota State Archives, Tax Lists for the years ending in five between 1905 and 1975. The Red River Genealogical Society has received the Lists for the years ending in six and seven. Basically, all these tax records will make it possible to track the residence and movement of tax paying families every five years or so through out the 20th century and before.

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FARM CROP AND LABOR REPORTS, 1918
During World War 1, the Minnesota Department of
Public Safety conducted a statewide farm census to
determine the adequacy of the state's food supply. We
will soon be buying microfilm copies of this census
for Clay County. Information recorded includes the
name and ethnicity of each county farmer, kind and
acreage of each crop planted, numbers and type of
livestock raised and the amount and type of additional
farm labor required including the desired ethnicity and
gender of the needed laborer(s). These records will
also help track rural residents whether they owned
land or not.

WORLD WAR 2 VETERANS’ RECORDS
We received these cards from the Clay County
Veterans’ Service Officer. They record information
about discharged World War 2 era veterans.
Information recorded varies but can include the name
of the vet, the names of his parents and/or wife, any
children, his address at time of discharge, address
before service, birthplace and date of birth, age, serial
number, social security number, education level
completed, dates and branch of service, type of
discharge, civilian occupation and military specialty
and other information. These records are only for
World War 2 era vets. The Clay County Recorder’s
Office also holds discharge records filed voluntarily by
many other Clay County servicemen and women.

LAND TRANSACTION RECORDS
These 23 volumes (duplicate microfilmed volumes
from the Clay County Recorder) index the buying and
selling of land and other transactions by the names of
the grantee (buyer) and the grantor (seller). They are
in two series: General Land Indexes (grantors, 1873-
1910; grantees 1898-1909) and Reception Books
(grantors, 1873-1947; grantees, 1899-1928). The
Indexes list warranty and quit claim deeds, assignment
of mortgages, sheriff’s sales, and some other records;
the legal description of the property involved, when
the transaction occurred and when it was recorded in
the Recorder’s Office. They also note the book and
page numbers where the original document can be
found in the Recorder’s Office. These can be
tremendously helpful in tracking when some one
moved to Clay County (and bought land) and when
they left (and sold the land). The full deeds at the
courthouse sometimes list the seller’s new address; in
other words, where he or she moved after leaving
Clay County. The Reception Books also index land
transactions and lots of other records including
contracts, articles of incorporation and the taking out
and satisfying of mortgages.

MINNESOTA STATE CENSUS
Most of our genealogists are familiar with the US
Censuses conducted every ten years since 1790 by the
federal government. (For privacy reasons, the
schedules are not made public for 72 years - the life
expectancy of an average American when the
legislation was approved. The 1920 rolls are the most
recent ones available. The 1930 schedules will be
released April 1, 2002. We will be buying microfilm
of the Clay County rolls then.) Many, however, are
not aware that the state of Minnesota did excellent
censuses in the off years - 1875, 1885, 1895 and
1905. Especially helpful are the ‘85 and ‘95 rolls
which help bracket the missing 1890 US census (those
schedules were destroyed before microfilming after a
fire in the 1920s). Information recorded varies from
year to year but is similar to the federal counts. Name
of each member of the household, sometimes their
street address, personal description, age, occupation
and the birthplace of the person and his or her parents
are recorded. In 1895 the state asked each male over
18 how long in years and months he had lived in
Minnesota and in that enumeration district (village,
township, ward of city, etc). In 1905 all residents
regardless of age or gender were asked these
questions. The responses can be very valuable for
tracking movements of ancestors. We hold the rolls
covering Clay County for all four censuses. The
Moorhead Lake Agassiz Regional Library has the rolls
for the whole state. Incidentally, North Dakota also
conducted state censuses in 1915 and 1925. The Fargo
Public Library has recently obtained complete
microfilm copies of these schedules.

1890 CIVIL WAR VETERANS
AND WIDOWS CENSUS
Although the 1890 US census population schedules are
not available, the Special Census of Civil War Veterans
and Widows does exist. By 1890 most Civil War vets
were approaching middle age. The Census Bureau
made a special effort to record information about these
men and their widows. We hold the microfilm rolls
covering Clay County veterans. Information recorded
includes the name of the former soldier, sailor or
marine and his widow, his rank, company and
regiment or the vessel he served on, his enlistment and
discharge dates, length of service, his post office
address, any disabilities he incurred and remarks. The
disability lines often read, "wounded in wrist."

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In 1879 Eglon Township pioneers Gustav and Kristine Molin (shown here about 1871 with their first child, Emma) owned 17 cattle, 9 sheep, 1 hog, a wagon and a watch. (See the tax assessment roll at left. The total value of their personal property was $348, somewhat more than the township average of $283.

"chronic rheumatism from exposure" or "missing right arm." In the entry for Caroline Day, widow of David Day, the line reads, "died in prison at Andersonville." Remarks include references to reenlistments or transfers. Armed with this information, researchers with Civil War veteran ancestors can turn to the numerous regimental histories published after the war to get a sense of what the guy’s wartime experience was like.

OTHER WAYS TO USE COMMON SOURCES
Plat books can be very helpful in tracking ancestors. The plats are township maps showing property ownership. CCHS has a good selection of these tools from 1898 to the present. But what if your family rented rather than owned their land?

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Personal Property Tax Rolls (see on Page 8) can help, but several of the plat books also include rural resident directories. The 1933 and 1939 plat books include such lists. Apparently taken from the Personal Property Tax Rolls, they record the name of the taxpayer (partnerships and businesses included), his post office and school district, the valuation of his property and the number of cows owned. (Through the help of CCHS Work Study Student Eric Mimnaugh, the 1933 list will be searchable through our website soon.) The '33 and '39 books also list residents of towns and unincorporated villages as well as farmers. Other plat books from 1951 to the present include rural resident directories.

Likewise, the familiar Polk's Fargo and Moorhead City Directories are also often helpful in locating rural residents. Between 1954 and 1970, the Polk's Directories listed Cass and Clay County farmers and their addresses. The directories are standard sources for researchers with ancestors in Fargo-Moorhead. By tracking year by year, it's possible to see when the relatives arrived in the area and when they left. But they can be used other ways. After 1928, the directories list entries by street address. It's possible to track everyone who lived in your house, for instance. A couple of times, people looking for photos of their home in years past have been able to see who the neighbors were at various times and actually contact them to find photos showing both homes. One woman a few years ago was looking for her birth father. We found from the directories when he was in Moorhead and his employer's name. She was able to contact people who had worked with her father, remembered him and were able to provide important information - including where he moved after leaving Moorhead.

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Halvor Burtness of Ulen was one of the many returning World War II vets to file a "Veteran's Record" with Clay County.
- origins of the folksong

**Remember the Red River Valley**

The following is courtesy of Kristi Groberg, Research Director for the Red River Valley Exhibit, in the Hjemkomst Center.

The popular folk song "Red River Valley" is generally thought to be a derivation of James J. Kerrigan's "In the Bright Mohawk Valley," which was first recorded as sheet music in 1896. Fifty years later this same myth persisted - albeit rightly so in its own setting-about the then still popular song. When Edith Fowke included it in *Folk Songs of Canada* in 1954, she noted that among cowboys in the American West, the song is about the Red River that flows between Texas and Oklahoma, but among inhabitants of the Red River Valley of the North, it is associated with the Red River that forms the border between North Dakota and Minnesota and drains into Lake Winnipeg in the Canadian Province of Manitoba.

Fowke continued to trace the roots of the song and by 1966 came to believe that it was known and sung in Canada during the 1869 Riel Resistance - also known as the North-west Rebellion or Red River Rebellion - and likely existed as a Metis folk song even earlier and originally as a poem.

In 1869 the newly formed Dominion of Canada acquired the North-West Territories - all the land between Ontario and British Columbia - from the Hudson’s Bay Company, which had claimed them under a British Royal Charter dating to 1670. Plans were made to establish the Province of Manitoba on part of the land, which included Lord Selkirk’s Red River Settlement of 1811. The Metis-people of mixed ethnicity: French/British/Scot and Native - who populated that wilderness, rightly feared the loss of their personal property to the Canadian government. Their leader, the dynamic renegade Louis Riel, set up a provisional Red River Government (Assiniboia) at Fort Garry (later Winnipeg) to negotiate with the Dominion of Canada on behalf of the Metis. The Canadian government sent out troops - British regulars and Canadian volunteers under the command of Colonel Garnet Wolseley - to quell what it considered a threatening and mutinous rebellion. Riel and the Provisional Government counted on Wolseley arriving before his troops and hoped to negotiate with him.

This did not occur and the resistance became violent. Before Wolseley reached Fort Garry, Riel fled to the United States to avoid imprisonment and execution. The Province of Manitoba was established as planned. It is interesting to note that following the Resistance,

Canadian legislation passed in 1869 was the first to distinguish the difference between "Indian" and "Metis" as one of lifestyle: legally an Indian lived the Indian way of life in an Indian community, while a Metis took script to buy a simple land title.

The folk song, set in the Red River Valley of the North, tells of the love of a Metis girl for one of the soldiers sent out to Fort Garry to suppress the Riel uprising. Marriage between a settler and/or soldier and a Native woman, known as *a la façon du pays* - marriage in the fashion of the country - was not uncommon and had been the norm even a century earlier among employees of the fur-trading companies. When a man’s tour of duty was over, the country wife was left behind. As one version of the song’s refrain repeats:

So consider awhile ere you leave me,
Do not hasten to bid me adieu,
But remember the Red River Valley,
And the half-breed who loved you so true.

Edith Fowke continued to research the song, in the process encountering hundreds of variations. The refrain above was found in the archives of the Glenbow Foundation in Calgary, dated 1885. This version precedes Kerrigan’s lyrics by more than a decade. Fowke’s appeals for more information, which she published in various Canadian newspapers, brought replies from elderly Canadians who remembered the song from their childhoods in the 1880s and 1890s. Many placed it in the Pembina Valley of Manitoba, at Fort Garry/Winnipeg, and at other locations along the Red River Valley of the North.

Today, "Red River Valley" is commonly played on the fiddle at Metis gatherings and festivals, and is sung in Mitchif, the Metis language. Among the Metis, it naturally is assumed that the lyrics are about the Red River of the North. When the issue was raised on an academic internet list-serve on Native literature, scholars from the American South and West argued that the song is about the Red River between Texas and Oklahoma, while scholars from the North-East insist it is about the Mohawk Valley. We can therefore conclude that while the song is most likely about the Red River Valley of the North and dates to at least as early as the Riel Resistance of 1869, it remains popular enough that the peoples of other river valleys continue to claim it for their own.
CCHS elects Board Members

Three candidates were elected at the Clay County Historical Society Annual Meeting on April 19. Elected to three-year terms were Merlyn Valan, Alvin Swanson and Rodney Erickson, all of Moorhead.

ERICKSON:
Erickson is a retired teacher and librarian. He discovered a love of history in college which led to a history major. Erickson was MSUM Collection Development Librarian for 33 years and has served on several boards and committees. Erickson believes "It is important for communities to keep records of how they got started and how they have developed over the years. I believe we need to be cognizant not only of the past, but also of the present, because in just a short time it too will be history."

SWANSON:
Swanson has lived in Clay County all his life with the exception of two years in the military service. He and his wife Diane have been members of the historical society for over 20 years. It was through visiting Clay County Museum's exhibits and displays that Swanson first became interested in history and the preservation of history. Swanson has worked with numerous community organizations and feels this experience will help him to be a productive CCHS Board Member.

VALAN:
Valan, a State Representative of the Minnesota House District 9B for eight years, has served on many Boards and Committees and is past president of the Clay County Sugar Beet Growers Association.

Valan was first elected to the CCHS Board in 1998.

CCHS Officers elected at the regular Board Meeting on April 25 are: Norman Roos - President, Donna Voxland - Vice President, Joyce Haug - Secretary and Rodney Erickson - Treasurer.

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CCHS Memberships - New and Renewals

March/April 2001

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

RENEWALS
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Timothy R. Nowak, Cheyenne, WY
Kenneth & Janet Fox, Hawley
Robert & Janet Hillier, Moorhead
Jeff Kehl, Hawley
Alice Oliver, Moorhead
O.T. (Bud) Swanson, Moorhead
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Hope Peterson, Moorhead
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Phil & June Fesel, Moorhead

Mildred Skugrud, Moorhead
Aubrey & Catherine Thomas, Moorhead
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LaVerne Halverson, Minneapolis
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Charlotte Onstine, Moorhead
Scott Onstine, Moorhead
Merlyn & Shirley Valan, Moorhead
Donna & Eric Chalimonozyk, Moorhead
Donald Pingree, Georgetown
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Marilyn Gorman, Moorhead
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Robert L. Gerke, Moorhead
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Clara Evenson, Fargo
Mrs. Joy R. Johnson, Moorhead
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Evelyn Marie Larson, Fargo
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CCHS welcomes the following new members:

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