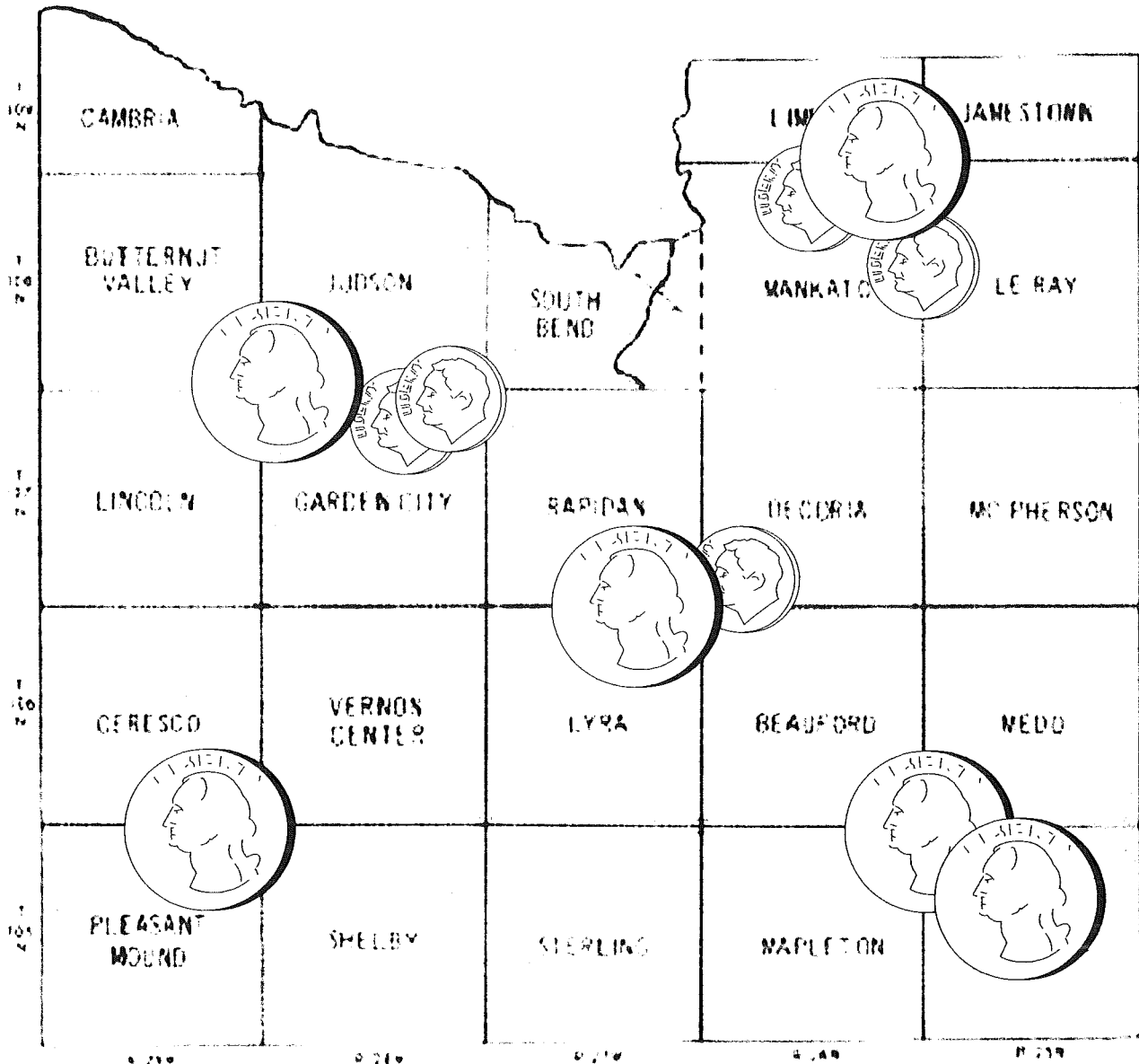




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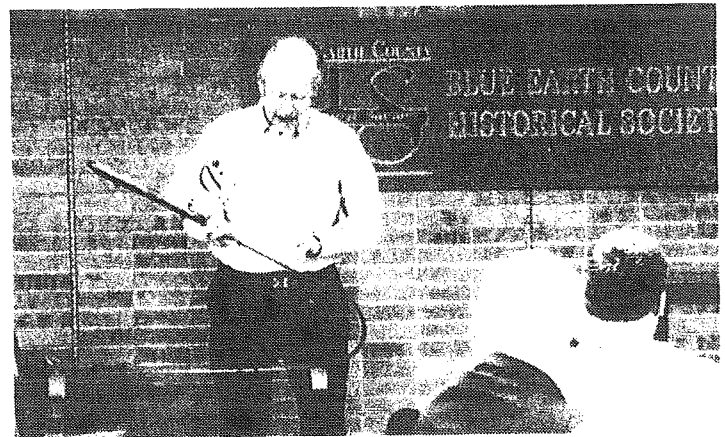
Since we received no entries in our contest, there is no winner to announce. For the present, the name of our history magazine will remain "*The Blue Earth County Historian*."



From the Executive Director...

Greetings once again from the historical society. The past three months went by very quickly here at the Heritage Center. The new exhibit will have opened by the time this newsletter is mailed. Right now, we are busy putting the final touches on the exhibit. It is exciting to see the development of an exhibit from an idea through the grand opening.

The annual meeting was held on March 25, 2003. We reviewed last year and previewed this year. We saw three board members retire after completing two full terms. Jane Tarjeson, Larry Lundblad and Jo-an Lavitschke were all given appreciation plaques and our heartfelt thanks for serving on the Board of Trustees. Time is one of the most valuable resources people have and it is through the generosity of our volunteers that BECHS is able to fulfill our mission.



Curt Crandall shows off a personal artifact during his presentation at the BECHS Annual Meeting. Photo by Jack Madsen

The coming year will be faced with opportunities and challenges. We will be seeking new members to join us providing us with more friends to help spread the word about BECHS.

How can you help? Pass this newsletter on to a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or anyone who might appreciate history. Ask them to consider joining BECHS if they like what they read. Bring new people to the Heritage Center or Hubbard House. The more people that know where we are and what we have to offer, the quicker the word will spread. Visit the Museum Store when looking for your gift purchases. Consider giving the man or woman who has

everything a membership in BECHS. If your employer has a gift-matching program, let us know. This could help increase our donations. Your continued support of our programs and services will help us do more and more to preserve the history of Blue Earth County for present and future generations.

The Hubbard House will be opening for the 2003 season on Saturday May 3, 2003. The house will be open from 1-4 weekends through mid-September. Our volunteers make having the house open for the public possible. If anyone is willing to help out, please give me a call. It only takes a few hours and, even if you only want to put in a couple of days all summer, we can fit you in. Newer guides are teamed up with more experienced guides. New for 2003 is the Hubbard House interpretive manual prepared for the guides. This will provide a wide range of information for the guides to share with visitors. We will be arranging training sessions for new and experienced guides this spring. The Hubbard House is one of the finest restorations ever done by a county historical society.

Thanks to you all. Have a wonderful spring.

James Lundgren
Executive Director

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Volunteers Are Always Needed

If you have some time to spare to help us preserve history, please give us a call. We can find a project to suit your interests and skills. Some examples are:

clipping and indexing newspaper articles
data entry to automate our records
filing
guiding tours
helping with special events and programs
researching and writing articles
helping in the research center
cataloging the archives collection.

Notes from the Collections Manager...

The Blue Earth County Historical Society's Exhibits Committee is proud to announce the grand opening of a new display in the Heritage Center gallery. The committee has been working since August developing an exhibit focused on entertainment in Blue Earth County. The result is **"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT,"** which opened Tuesday, April 15th.

The exhibit is split into five main areas of entertainment activities. Outdoor recreation looks at Blue Earth County lakes, parks and outdoor activities. The dance clubs are represented with a focus on the Kato Ballroom and a 1940's big band orchestra. A movie theater has been recreated with a ticket booth, actual theater seats and a movie playing non-stop. Who could forget the carhop? Restaurants serve up history and nostalgia in this display. Last, but not least, is entertainment at home. A living room spanning 50 years has been recreated. From radio to the introduction of television and everything in between, the living room was the center of entertainment for every family.

The exhibit was made possible by the hard work of Exhibits Committee members Win and Shirley Grundmeier, Tom Hagen, Orv and Mary Ann Jensen, Mary McComb, Mary McGrew, Tom McLaughlin, Jane Tarjeson and Bernie Wilson and through the support of generous personal and business donors.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT
will be on display until March 2004.

Take a trip with us down memory lane today!

Jessica Potter,

BECHS Collections Manager

Wish List

- ❖ Legal size, hanging file folders
- ❖ City Directories 1943-44, 1946-47
- ❖ 1905 era silverware for Hubbard House display.
- ❖ 1905 era glassware for Hubbard House display.

Through the Research Center door..

If you haven't poked your head into the Research Center lately, come in and see what's changed. We are constantly doing things to make the Research Center more user friendly. We have rearranged the center and have made more resources accessible to the public. We are continually adding information to the vertical files and Obituary Books. Our photograph collection has been reorganized and indexed. There are new researching tools such as the *Index for Blue Earth County's Naturalization Papers*. We have all the newspapers from the surrounding communities in the county as well as notebooks filled with clippings of information for towns and townships.

Please remember we are not just a resource for genealogists. I am asked many questions on county history: What year was the Good Thunder Mural dedicated? Do you know where the Mankato Baltics played baseball? Why is Mankato known as the "Key City"? Which cemetery was called Bunker Hill Cemetery? I get questions on all sorts of topics, from students doing school projects to someone looking to settle a bet. Nothing is ever too trivial.

Even with all of our resources, some of the questions cannot be answered without the input of our **Volunteers**. There is no resource comparable to their life experience, and I am grateful for their assistance. Stop by, see what's new, and ask me a question or two. Or, if you can't stop by, we'll be happy to do research by phone or e-mail.

Shelley Harrison,
Archives Assistant

Letters, we get letters...

We do get some very interesting letters; I quote from a recent one:

"My name is I am incarcerated at M.S.P with a 230 years sentence. Two counts of deliberate homicide against me. This time I am concerned about my life & therefore I'm interested in as much information about my mom's family origins and history as I can gather?" He then provides family information and signs the letter "Valcomen."

In this case, we were unable to provide help since his family was not from Blue Earth County. However, the request was forwarded to the proper county.

My First Dollar

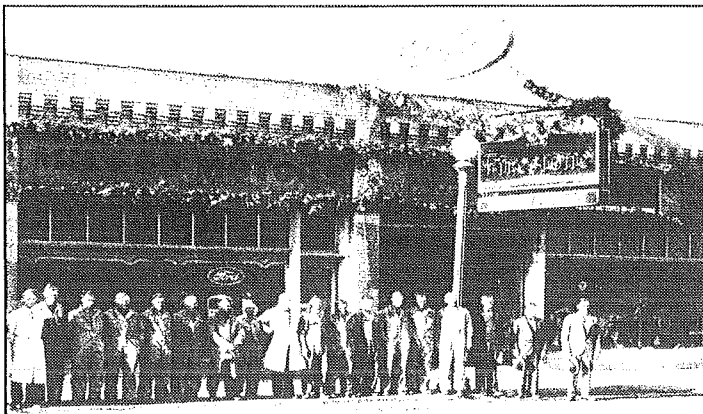
Winston Grundmeier

*Retired MSU, M Faculty Member
and BECHS Volunteer*

In the early months of 1934, *The Free Press* ran a series of short features called "My First Dollar." It capsulized how many Mankato business and professional men got started in their careers. I chose to use some of these stories for this article and added some interesting and famous personages from other parts of Blue Earth County including some women. Apparently, writers of 1934 forgot, or never knew, that quite a few women had careers of their own.

Herman Miller started in business when he was 10 years old as a horseradish salesman in Wayne, Nebraska. "A woman there put up horse-radish in glasses and I pedaled them for a nickel a jar," Herman explained. "I had a regular route. In fact, the first suit of 'store-clothes' I ever had I bought from the proceeds of my horse-radish business."

Miller was born in New York City, 3 March 1898. His family moved to the sandhills of western Nebraska where, at age 14, he was picking corn. "It was my boyhood ambition to own a watch," he said, "and the money I got went for that watch."



Miller Motors, Blue Earth County Historical Society.

Herman entered the automobile business in Duluth then moved to Virginia, Minnesota, where he married. Herman Miller began operating Miller Motors One Stop Service in Mankato in 1925. There still is a Miller Motors, now Miller Motors Tire Center at 518

South Front Street. Herman was never shy about giving advice. When the new Mankato Civic Center was built, he gave his hearty approval. However, he bemoaned the tearing down of Nyquist Clothing and the entire Mankato Mercantile block of South Front to make room for it "when there was cheap undeveloped ground a bit farther out."

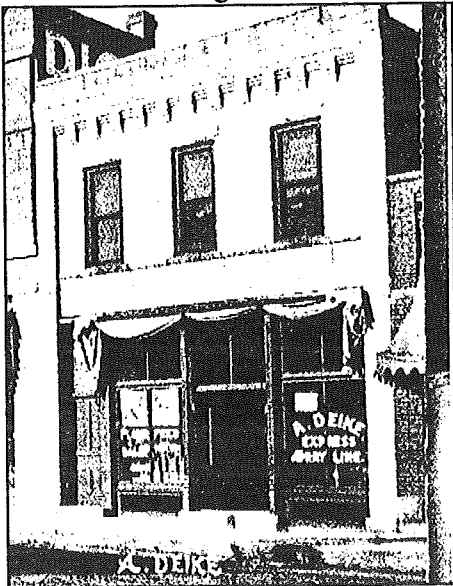
Ferdinand Malzahn came to America around 1850 married and had eight children in Winona County, Minnesota. After extensive moving, and being the prime mover in founding the German community of Freistatt in Missouri, Ferdinand moved his family to a 160-acre farm in Lyra Township in 1883. Several years later, he built a brick house, which can be seen standing today. Ferd successfully farmed these acres until he sold the farm to his son Rudolph in 1888. He died in 1888.

The heritage of Blue Earth County owes much to this remarkable German immigrant family. Ferd's sons spread out over the county: Rudolph bought the family farm in 1888. Louis bought a house in Good Thunder and went into the wholesale liquor business. Otto operated first a general store in Good Thunder and then moved to Minnesota Lake, where he operated a saloon. Paul farmed east of Good Thunder and ran an icehouse. Robert moved to Good Thunder, operated a general store, then a saloon. He ended up as Justice of the Peace.

Herbert Hotaling guided one of our county's oldest newspapers through its infancy. He founded the *Blue Earth County Enterprise*, which he built from a small advertising trade sheet. Herbert was born in Mankato 5 August 1863 to pioneer hardware store owners Benjamin and Mary Jane Hotaling. After attending Normal School, he turned to the printing business, working on newspapers in Mankato, Janesville, Waseca and New Richland. J. E. Brown started the *Mapleton Enterprise* in 1884 as a monthly trade sheet for his general store. Herb went into partnership with Brown on 1 May 1888. By the late 1890s, Herb expanded the scope of the paper and changed the name to the *Blue Earth County Enterprise*. After his death in 1938, Herb's daughter Mary and her husband Bill Dobbs assumed the running of the paper. It is possible that much of Mapleton's early reputation as a

progressive, forward-looking community stems from Herb and his paper.

Ben Deike, son of August, was born and grew up in Mankato. Throughout the middle years of the 20th



A. Deike Express Dray Lines, Blue Earth County Historical Society

Century, Ben operated Deike's Transfer and Storage, located at 417 Poplar Street, now the home of Kato Moving and Storage. Deike's distinctive orange moving vans were a common sight on Mankato streets.

"When I was a youngster, I earned my first dollar herding cows," Ben

reminisced. In the mornings, he made the rounds up and down Front and Second Streets to release the cows from their barns. He herded them out on Front Street hill to the 'prairie' and Columbia Park. Late in the afternoon, he herded them back and saw that each bovine got to her right barn. Ben's chief trouble was with hobos who liked to milk the cows. Later, Ben contracted to saw wood at 50 cents a cord.

Lida Osborn started her working career as a teacher at the old East Mankato School. She taught there for a year and then for a year at Union School. Lida's father died when she was 10 years old, leaving her mother to raise eight children. It is a tribute to this mother that five of these children pursued professional careers. Lida was educated in public schools and graduated from high school in 1894.

Although she began as a teacher, Lida soon answered a different calling and entered the University of Minnesota Medical School. Taking post-graduate courses in Chicago, she specialized in women's treatment and children's diseases. Lida returned to her hometown to start medical practice in 1900. In

1916, she and a group of other physicians set up Mankato's first clinic. She served on the staff of both the Immanuel and St. Joseph's Hospitals, and held the offices of Chair and Secretary of Immanuel Hospital. Lida went on to win a place of honor in the field of medicine during a time when the healing profession was almost exclusively male-dominated.

Margaretha Frescholtz served in a more exotic medical career. She was born in 1835, in Germany, and there learned the arts of midwifery and bloodletting. In 1885, she came to American and practiced these arts in Mankato.

Margaretha took care of most of the births in Duke's Addition, located on Mankato's north end. Her practice was to stay with the mother and newborn infant while the mother was confined, which in those days lasted about 9 days.

Bloodletting was no longer an approved medical practice in this county by this time. Earlier many illnesses were attributed to "bad blood." Maladies of many part of the body were thus treated by bleeding the area affected, e.g. head, stomach, leg. The prescribed routine called for the patient to sit up in bed and the bleeding was stopped just before the patient passed out. Some really took to this procedure, having it done any time they were ill, or even seasonally. In fact, the demise of George Washington may have been hastened as a result of bloodletting when he was ill with pneumonia.

One of the tools Margaretha used was a scarifactor, a small metal box that contained a razor-sharp blade to make small incisions. Along with bloodletting, Margaretha did "cupping" to relieve inflammations. Needless to say, neither the author nor BECHS in any way recommend these medical procedures, which seem to harken back to the middle ages. However, the reader may visit BECHS to see some of this equipment among our artifacts.

Theodore Williams, veteran insurance representative, was another native of Mankato and spent his entire 67 years in this community. He entered the insurance business with his father, J. T. Williams and continued in the local agency through 50 years until his death in 1934. This agency exists today, located on Jackson

Street, under the name Willard & Williams Insurance Agency.

Theodore said, "I earned my first dollar when President Garfield was shot on July 2, 1881." At the time, Theodore owned an Indian pony and spent a lot of time around the Northwestern Depot. This was located northeast of the Omaha Depot, close to the old Hubbard Mill. On July 2, Theodore received a copy of the telegram relating to the shooting of the President from the railroad telegrapher who told him to take it up town. For this service, Williams received a "princely" sum. Theodore's first "regular" salary was \$1 per Sunday pumping the organ at the First Presbyterian Church.

Henry Wiedenheft entertained thoughts of farming, when he reached the fertile lands of Blue Earth County, but gave up the idea when people began to seek him out to supply them with shoes. Henry had earned a Master's Certificate as shoemaker while he lived in Prussia. When early settlers of Good Thunder needed shoes made for their families, very likely they would ask him to make them. His small boot and shoe business began to grow and develop into a general mercantile business.

Henry was born 14 December 1837 in Pomerania, Prussia (now Poland). He fought in the Prussian Army against Austria in 1866. Tired of warfare, he sought to come to a country where he could bring up a family free of war involvements. He left Europe with his wife, Ida, and infant son for America in 1868. First, the young family settled in Dodge County, Wisconsin. However, in 1871, they pulled stakes and moved to Good Thunder.

Each morning Edna Day's husband Ernest hitched up the horse and buggy to take her from their farm the Bunker Hills School, near Alma City, to teach. Edna was born 1 March 1897 to George and Sarah Day on the family farm northwest of Amboy. She attended Kinney School and graduated from Amboy High School in 1914. Going to school in Amboy, in those days, from her rural home meant either riding in a horse and buggy each day or boarding with a family in Amboy. Winter weather made boarding a favorable option. In 1919, Edna married Ernest Grawunder of Alma City.

In the early to mid-20th Century, Edna Day became aware of the particularly sad way that women were treated on the labor market – badly underpaid and badly overworked. She became a regional leader in the women's labor movement. In addition to this activity, Edna found time to raise a family, enter into a partnership in a real estate firm and travel as a district representative for the Spencer Support Garment Company. Her energetic and happy personality gained her wide recognition and many friends.

So, we see that life can run a meandering course. The well-known miller, R. D. Hubbard, once Mankato's most successful businessman and founder of the Hubbard Milling Company, began his career selling groceries. Being sensitive to and aware of the many turns and twists each of us may encounter helps us to really live life not just tolerate it.

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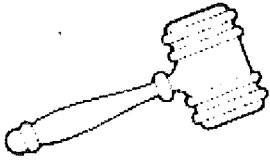
...at the Museum Store

German Pioneer Accounts of the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862,
Edited by Don Heinrich
Tolzmann. Personal accounts

that convey the experience of German Pioneers during the Sioux uprising of 1862.

Between Deep Valley and the Great World, Amy Dolnick, Foreword by Patricia Hampl. Ms. Dolnick makes it possible for us to visit many sites Maud Hart Lovelace used as settings for Betsy's life in Minneapolis.

Future in a Handbasket: The Life and Letters Behind Carney's House Party, Amy Dolnick. The story of Maud Hart Lovelace's friend, Marion Willard Everett. Through letters and family memories, the book goes beyond her fictional identity as Carney Sibley.



From the President

Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone. I thank you for your support of the Blue Earth County Historical Society and its mission to preserve the history of our area. On behalf of the entire Blue Earth County Historical Society I would like to thank our former board members and especially our outgoing president Jane Tarjeson. Their wonderful work over the last few years has made BECHS a wonderful asset to our county and communities.

Our Society is embarking on its second century. It provides a vital resource to our County and all its communities through its educational, research, archival, humanitarian, intellectual and entertaining programs. I am very confident that the next 100 years of our society will provide us with even more wonderful opportunities to better serve our County and its people.

Once again, a very big thank you to everyone.

Daniel P. Zielske
BECHS President

From the Past President:

As my term for President has come to an end, I would like to thank all of you for your support and advice over the last five years. I believe that BECHS presence in the community has grown in that time and with our support will continue to grow. The Board of Trustees is moving ahead with fund raising plans to ensure additional security for BECHS in the years to come. Your generosity will ensure that Blue Earth County history will be preserved and presented for future generations. 101 years ago, a group of interested people formed the historical society for this purpose. Their belief in the importance of preserving history is the foundation of our organization. Let us continue to build and expand on this historical foundation. Your continued support and participation of BECHS programs is a testimonial to the value of history.

I want to thank Larry Lundblad, Joan Lavitschke and Donna Webb for their time invested on the Board of Trustees, and to welcome the new members of the board Barb Lambson and Dawn Schaefer. My congratulations to Dan Zielske, our new President,

Jane Tarjeson,
BECHS Past President

Future in a Handbasket *The Life and Letters Behind Carney's House Party*



Book Signing
May 3, 2003, 1:00 pm
BECHS Heritage Center

Future in a Handbasket is the story of Marion Willard Everett, the model for the character of Carney Sibley in the **Betsy-Tacy** books and the main character in *Carney's House Party*.

A few years ago, a curious fan of the **Betsy-Tacy** books discovered a cache of letters that Marion had written to her parents in Mankato while she was at Vassar in 1911-1913. The Maud Hart Lovelace Society decided to publish them under the able editorship of Amy Dolnick Rechner.

When Amy started interviewing Marion's family, however, she discovered there was a great deal more to Marion's story. Using family letters and photographs, she wrote the story of Marion and her family. Amy is also the author of *Between Deep Valley and the Great World, Maud Hart Lovelace in Minneapolis*.

Louise King is the daughter of Marion Willard Everett. Louise is the only surviving character from a **Betsy-Tacy** book--she was Carney's baby, Judy, in *Betsy's Wedding*. Louise will talk about her mother and answer questions at the book signing.

Julie Shrader, author of *Deep Valley: a Guidebook to Mankato Places in the Betsy-Tacy Series*, will also be available with her book.

Madison Lake Area Historical Society

*Reprinted from the Madison Lake Area Historical Society
Newsletter, March 2003.*

The memory of long-time member and Vice President, Marge Ries, was honored with the purchase of a rose bush to be planted at Lindbergh Park. Marge was one of the caretakers of the flowerbed at the Lindbergh plaque. She will be missed.

In May, Bryce Stenzel gave us an excellent portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. It seemed as though President Lincoln was right in our midst. We participated in the Paddlefish Day Parade in June and had a potluck picnic in July. The moveable picture exhibit board was on display at the Blue Earth County Fair in August.

In September, Donald Glamm of St. Clair spoke on registered Holstein cattle. He has done extensive research on the farm families with Holsteins and had photos of the farms, the people and the cattle. It was an interesting presentation. Lona Falencyzkowski, President of the Betsy-Tacy Society spoke of the nationwide organization that is keeping Maud Hart Lovelace and her books alive. They have purchased two of the houses that feature prominently in these early books of "Deep Valley."

In October, the Board of the Blue Earth County Historical Society visited. Throughout the year, Ted Roemer encouraged our society to obtain the loan of a government surplus airplane to display at Lindbergh Park. We would be responsible for restoration and upkeep of the plane and for transporting it to Madison Lake. This project is still being investigated. We ended the year with a Christmas Dinner held at the Trailblazer Restaurant. All in all, we had another successful year.

Jo Schultz,
MLAHS Secretary



Rapidan Historical Society

On March 21, 2002, a historical event took place; the first meeting to officially organize "The Rapidan Heritage Society" for the community was held. At that point, we began to accept membership dues and donations, which continue to come in to enable the project to move forward. The project was the return and restoration of the Rapidan Depot as a place to preserve and display articles of Rapidan's history for the education of future generations.

In April and May, with society members as a work force, the footing and trenches were dug, the concrete was poured for the footings and the depot was moved in.

In June, July and August, the concrete blocks were laid for the foundation, the depot floor was insulated and sealed from underneath with polyurethane. In addition, a treated sill plate was installed, the depot lowered to the foundation and some pre-paint scraping was done, as was some interior demolition and clean out.

In September, the Society hosted its' first annual fund raising excursion: a bus tour to the Westbrook Railroad Museum, Jeffers Petroglyphs, End-O-Line Railroad Museum and Park in Currie, MN, and the St. James Railroad Museum. Thirty-six people participated - there was something of interest for everyone.

In January, 22 people met at Applewood Restaurant for the Society's first annual Christmas Party. An authentic Rapidan Milwaukee Road rail spike was given as a door prize. Dave Pongratz, Jr, won this.

In addition, in January, the Lake Crystal Boy Scout Troup, with donated material, built a handicap ramp for the depot. This will be set in place when the depot painting is finished.

I think the Society has accomplished a lot for the first year of organization. There is and always will be lots to do, but as you can see we are steadily moving forward. I would like to thank everyone and every company that has helped or contributed in any way to these efforts.

Daryl Lachmiller
RHS President

New Members

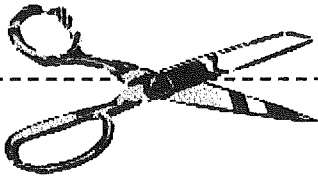
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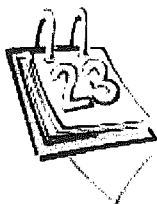
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2:00 - 5:00 pm

Mark you calendar - The Betsy-Tacy Society will be holding an open house at **Tacy's House** on May 3, 2003. Restoration work is on-going and we invite the public to come and see the progress we have made. Refreshments will be served. Please watch *The Free Press* for more details, call Lona Falencykowski - 507-345-8103 or check our website:

<http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org/>



Upcoming BECHS Events

Please mark your calendar and join us.

May 3-Sept 30, 2003, 1:00-4:00
Saturdays & Sundays
Tour the Hubbard House

May 3, 2003, 1:00pm
Meet the Authors:
Amy Dolnick Rechner & Julie Schrader
BECHS Heritage Center

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May 10, 2003, 10:00-12:00
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May 13, 2003, 7:00 pm
Preserving Your Family Treasures
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Coming this summer
Blue Earth County Bus Tour
Details to be announced

The Blue Earth County Historical Society's Heritage Center Gallery, Museum Store and Research Center are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00



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