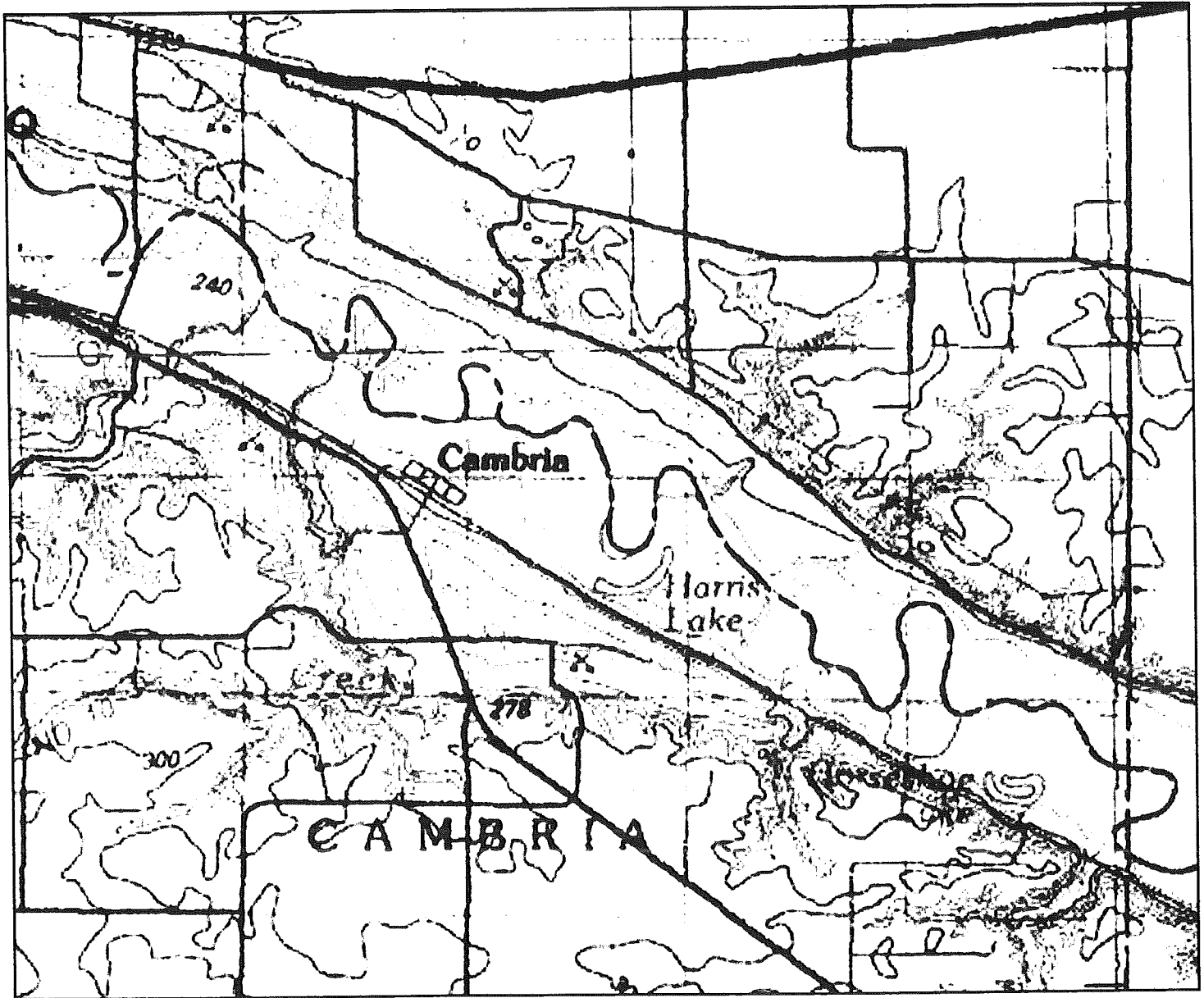




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Tidings from the
Executive Director

As I sit down to write this column we are entering a brand new year. It is this time of year that I reflect on the past year from both a personal and professional viewpoint. The past year seemed to go by even faster than the one before. I suppose that is the inevitable aspect of time. It truly seems like only last week we were beginning a brand new year.

We will be preparing the annual report for the society in time for the annual meeting to be held this March. The exact date is being worked on and a special mailing will be sent out before the meeting.

One of the significant projects accomplished in 2003 was the creation of a new web page. Over 8 years ago, Voyageur Web created and donated space for a basic web page for BECHS. This made our society one of the first county historical societies in Minnesota to have a presence on the World Wide Web. I would like to personally thank Voyageur Web once again for their generosity over the years. Last summer Donna Webb offered her services as our web page developer to create a more elaborate page. We now have a multi-page site that meets many needs. We have posted a number of databases online for genealogical research. We have items from the Museum Store listed, people can contact us for donations, make research requests, and memberships can be made through the site. If you have not visited this site, please check it out at www.rootsweb.com/~mnbechs/. We will continue to add research information and event information.

In another foray into cyberspace, we now have an electronic update that is sent out. This update will include information on our upcoming programs and events, and contain historical tidbits. If you are not on the list, please e-mail me at bechs@juno.com and you will be added. We will never sell or trade our e-mails list. We value and respect your privacy.

Starting this month, we will be very active with our programs. The Programs Committee has developed a series of programs that will get us out into the county and hopefully get our name in the newspapers and other media on a regular basis. We hope that each of you will take part in one of these programs. The schedule is available in this newsletter, on the

The Blue Earth County Historical Society's Heritage Center Gallery,
Museum Store and Research Center are open
Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00 and 5:00 to 8:00
Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00

web page, and will be posted in the Heritage Center. If anyone has places where they can post our event flyers for the public to see, give the office a call, and we will send you the flyers. The more people who attend our events, the more income we can generate in admissions, store sales, and memberships. Each of these will help us be better able to preserve the history of Blue Earth County.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers, we at BECHS wish everyone a happy New Year.

Cheers,

James C. Lundgren

BECHS Executive Director

Recent Donations

Up to \$25

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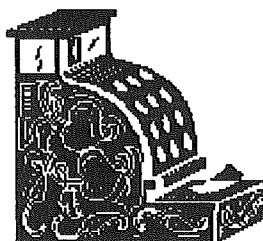
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...at the Museum Store

Winter is a good time to spend indoors. Come and visit us for your genealogy needs.

Finding Your Roots Online

Nancy Hendrickson

This book offers a step-by-step reference, with real examples, for using the Internet effectively in genealogical research. 240pp., illus., 2003. Paper, \$19.99.

Organizing Your Family History Research

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG

Tackle the process of organizing family research, from filing to streamlining the process as a whole. 70 pp., 1999. Paper, \$17.99.

The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook

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Unpuzzling Your Past

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Throughout this book you will find techniques and suggestions for tapping family documents, oral traditions and memories. You will explore the vast array of U.S. public records, from newspapers and tombstones to census and land records; and developing a first-rate and meaningful family history. 278pp., 2001. Paper, \$18.99.

Heritage of Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Julie Schrader

Blue Earth County is rich in historical background and these facts, traditions, memories and images are preserved through words and pictures. 976 pp. 1990, photos. Hard cover, \$130.00.

Ethnic Background Map of Blue Earth County, 1880. \$4.95.

Archaeology in Blue Earth County: The Cambria Focus

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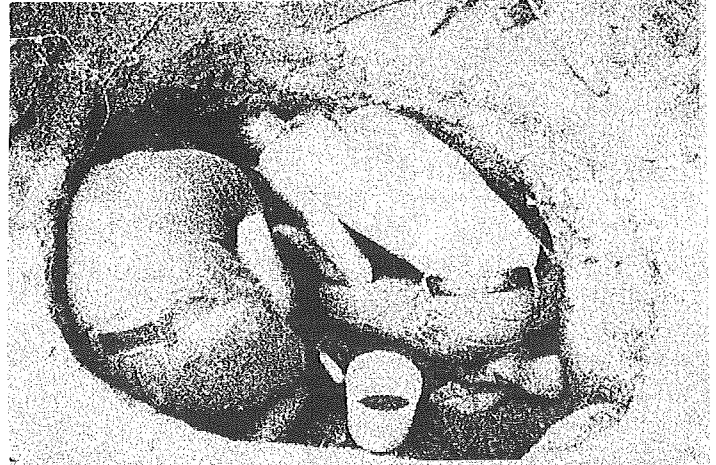
At sometime between about 1000 and 1100 AD a group of people settled on a promontory overlooking the Minnesota River valley a couple miles downstream from what is now the town of Cambria. Where they came from we don't know. Where they went we can, at best, guess.

By this time somewhat similar villages were being established in Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota and in the vicinity of Red Wing, at the mouth of the Cannon River. The Cambria people flourished for at least several generations and then left. It wasn't that simple but the archaeological record is far from complete so much of what we do know is fragments of fragments - fragments of garbage, fragments of details, fragments of hints.

The first archaeologist to examine the communities was William B. Nickerson who did excavations in 1917 at the Cambria Site - the largest and probably the first such settlement in the area. His fieldnotes were never published and, although he described what today is known as the Price Site, it became an essentially lost site until owner Dave Price of Cambria took us there in the spring of 1974.

We (three students and I) asked about the possibility of digging there. No problem at all. That spring we started looking for the most likely area to begin. We decided that the area adjacent to a spot at which he and his father had found ashes and pottery, after a heavy rain had created a gully, was most promising. By summer I had a crew of volunteer students whose first job was to clean out the now wooded area and lay out a grid within which to dig.

Luck was ours as the first pit came down on the top of what we determined to be a storage pit and a highly productive one at that. At the bottom, under the dirt, pottery, bones, ashes, shells, and fragments of stone were several large pieces of charcoal which enabled us to get radiocarbon dates for the site. The three dates



we obtained, combined with the styles of pottery common to the site all indicate an occupation at about 1100 AD.

Over the course of the next few weeks, and another season of excavation in 1975, we uncovered nearly twenty storage pits - all of them narrow at the top and wide at the bottom. These storage pits, we knew from research on sites particularly to the west and south of here, were dug to hold corn and to hide it from those who would rather steal than do the hard work to grow it. When they could no longer serve as storage pits because of rodent invasion or mildew, they became garbage pits, and garbage is largely what fuels archaeologists. What people threw away is very useful in determining what people had been using. Needless to say all the softer plant and animal tissues were long composted away, but the harder parts - the bones, carbonized seeds, pottery and items of stone were still there.

One of the first identifiable tools was a worn out buffalo shoulder blade hoe. That was cue to be on the watch for the remains of other garden crops - most likely to be beans and squashes. Corn, beans, and squash are often referred to as the three sisters because they were found in Indian gardens wherever they could be cultivated.

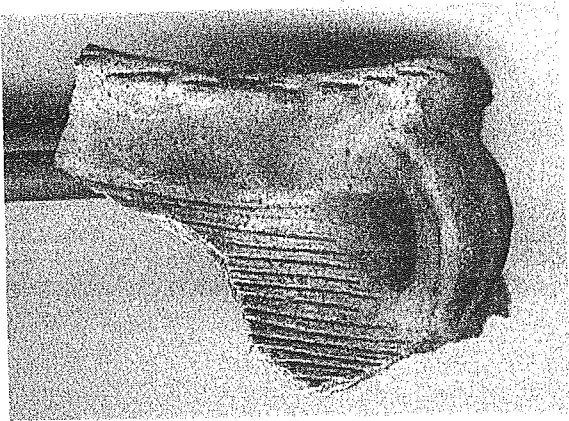


Sure enough, within a few days we had found what amounted to the handle of a knife used to cut young squash into slices so that they might be dried. This knife was simply a rectangular piece of a bison shoulder blade that had been sharpened on one side by rubbing it with a piece of sandstone. Repeated sharpening reduced what

had once been a rectangle to just a narrow handle formed by the rounded edge of the shoulder blade.

It was soon obvious that not many people had lived at Price. We had visited the Cambria Site, which was many times larger by comparison, and we had read both published and unpublished accounts of excavations there somewhat more than sixty years ago by Lloyd Wilford of the University of Minnesota. We also had a copy of Nickerson's notes. Both confirmed that Cambria had been quite a flourishing village at the same time that Price was occupied. The relationship between the two was well established by a comparison of pottery from the two sites. Pottery vessels a foot or more in diameter were used for carrying and storing water, but most importantly they were used for cooking and all had distinctive features - especially shape and decoration.

There were several readily distinguishable varieties of pottery used on the two sites. By comparing the broken pottery (sherds) from the two sites it became apparent that a group from Cambria had, for some reason, lived for a time at Price. Just how long can



only be guessed, but when I do guess, I guess a few years - probably fewer than five. The need to dig new storage pits every year or so meant that sites that had been occupied for many years would have storage pits which would inevitably cut into older, previously filled in pits. At Price, no pits overlapped, not even in the area of greatest occupation. At the Cambria Site, they did.

Again I can but guess at why a small group would choose to leave the larger and live a couple miles upstream - far enough but not too far. My conclusion is based on historically documented situations for

tribes like the Hidatsa of North Dakota. There, feuds might result in the departure of a group of related families. Those who left then established small settlements for a number of years until the cause of the dispute was no longer important or the hazards of living in a small group posed a serious threat to their safety. So, I suspect the Price inhabitants were just such a group who had had it up to here with something in the main village and moved just far enough away to be free from the source of their irritation, but not too far to be completely out of touch.

At Price there was land which could be cleared for gardens, the river which would provide fish, turtles, and clams (all of whose remains were found in abundance in the garbage thrown into the former storage pits), the north bank of the Minnesota which had fruits like plums, cherries, and raspberries, and the prairie which extended to what must have seemed like infinity to the south and west.

Thus we have been able to reconstruct the diet favored by those living here in 1100 AD as consisting of garden produce - particularly corn. Beans apparently never made it to this part of the country while the Cambria people were living here. They seem to have reached the Midwest at about 1200 or later - probably later. The three sisters did not arrive in a package. Squash has been identified from a Minnesota site in the Mississippi River valley which was almost three thousand years old. Corn would be here at about 1000 AD (corn being found at a site south of Mankato dating to about that time), but the variety grown at Cambria was Northern Flint Corn, which was especially adapted for the shorter growing season and often dry, late summers. Corn and squash it was. One domesticated sunflower seed (far larger than seeds from wild plants of the same species) meant that the corn and squash were enlivened by the bright yellow flowers of sunflowers throughout August and into September. Sunflower seed pulp and oil were highly prized for taste, nutrition, and energy.

Meat was available from many sources. The prairie supplied bison and the woodlands supplied deer. The river was heavily fished for whatever species could be lured into their fish traps. No sign of the traps remains, but these fish corrals were made by inserting saplings into the river bottom and luring fish into them with rotting meat, again a well established and documented

practice of people living along waterways. This would explain why most of the fish were bottom feeders especially catfish. It would also explain why these fish ranged from minnow size to several feet - all fish caught eventually made it into the stew pot. We found masses of fish bones indicating that someone had dumped the bone collection at the bottom of the pot into the pit.

Bison, most of whose heavy bones would have been left on the prairie where the animals were skinned and butchered, deer and fish accounted for most of the meat, but the most abundant bones were those of beaver. Beaver? Well, they are vulnerable as they swim, and they do have very nice warm pelts. Still I can't think but that one of the main reasons their bones appear in such disproportionate numbers is - revenge. Beavers can, and do, make a terrible mess in a cornfield. They cut the corn off at the base and haul the entire plants to their tunnels (no lodges here) in the riverbank. A beaver pelt would mean one less predator in the garden as well as a tasty meal.

So we know quite well what they ate. What about who they were? This we can't say other than they were probably Siouan. That means they were related to the Ioway, the Oto, the Ponca, the Mandan, the Hidatsa, and the Dakota. Just how - we can't say. From the record of the pottery we can make certain inferences. One type of pottery was derived from pottery made at the Mankato sized metropolis of Cahokia five hundred miles to the south. Other pottery demonstrates strong ties with people living in the Red Wing area at that time - and there were a lot of people living there. Another type is very much like pottery made at that time in northwestern Iowa and still another like pottery made in the area around what is now Pierre, South Dakota. All of this tells us that the people living in Blue Earth County 900 years ago were connected to a much larger world and influenced by people who lived a hundred or even hundreds of miles away.

The stones reaffirm this. Most stone found at the site was local oolitic chert. Oolitic implies that the stone looks somewhat like fish eggs. This stone is easily found in the local gravels and comes from local sandstones and limestones. It is not the easiest to work nor does it give the best of edges. Still, it has the advantage of being here and being abundant. South of

Rochester, at Grand Meadow, there was a quarrying area used by many Indians. Grand Meadow Chert (or flint) is slate gray and can be worked (flaked) into useful forms quite easily. Rather than the rough edges characteristic of the worked local cherts, Grand Meadow yields a fine smooth edge which makes good scrapers in particular. An arrowhead or knife could have the slight serrations that are characteristic of oolitic chert, but a scraper needed a smooth edge to do its job.

Still more highly prized was Knife River Flint (KRF), really a chalcedony (like agates), which came from the Knife River area of west central North Dakota. Like Grand Meadow, KRF was mined and carried down the Knife River to the Missouri River, and finally carried across the prairie to Blue Earth County and as far east as Ohio. This was the finest stone of the northern plains and the farther west and north one gets the more common it becomes on sites. Furthermore, KRF is almost always found here as a tool - a scraper. This makes sense in that all the waste flakes are left either at the site of extraction or at the site where it was turned into a tool. No sense carrying heavy waste stone across miles and miles of Great Plains. Even here in Blue Earth County there are many workshop areas where river cobbles were reduced to manageable blanks which could then be turned into tools at home when needed.

The stones tell a story comparable to that told by the pottery. The Cambrians were connected. It wasn't the internet, and yet it was. With each exchange or visit stories were told and news was related. Nothing was transferred in an information vacuum such as we experience in a grocery or department store where story telling would not be appreciated either by the clerk or those in line behind us. In trading, each item has stories. The more it is traded, the more stories an object carries with it. Trade not only provides things, which are nice to have, it also provides information. News of wars, fires, marriages and deaths all travel the trade routes.

At about 1300 AD a great drought overwhelmed this area and the gardeners had little choice but to leave. The last trace we have of the Cambrians is a site in east central North Dakota. They, like so many others, headed west.

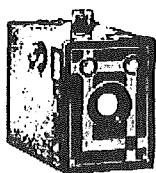
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Exciting New Programs

Come and join us!

The Blue Earth County Historical Society Programs Committee is proud to announce the start up of three exciting new programs. We hope that one or all of them will be of interest to the residents and friends of our County communities. Members and non-members are welcome.

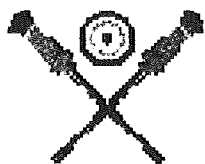


Hometown History Photo Night

This program provides an opportunity for each community in Blue Earth County to bring photo albums and memorabilia to a

social gathering filled with memories of past and present. Come to share your stories with your community. Don't let your town's history fade away.

Our next photo night will be in Vernon Center on February 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the City Hall.



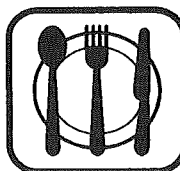
"That's Entertainment" Comes Alive

On April 15, 2003 the Exhibits Committee opened its "That's

Entertainment" exhibit in our Heritage Center Gallery at Fifth and Cherry Streets. The exhibit brings together 100 years of Blue Earth County Entertainment. It features in-home and outdoor entertainment, restaurants and drive-ins, the Kato Ballroom and area musicians, and County theatres.

This will be a traveling program. Each month we will host an event within the County that will bring an aspect of our exhibit alive. Through dancing, indoor and outdoor activities, dining and movies, we hope to revive your memories of the past. Some events will have an admission fee.

We will be kicking off this program with an event at the Heather Curling Club in Mapleton on January 29th from 6-8pm. Learn about the history and art of curling and maybe even try your hand, I mean your broom, at it!



Blue Earth County Diner's Club

As part of the "That's Entertainment" restaurant exhibit, we are offering an opportunity to join us at county cafes, diners and restaurants for a casual lunch of good food and fun. Each participant will be responsible for his or her own tab. We will be meeting one day per month.

Our first lunch is at the historic Wagon Wheel in Mankato, February 9th at 11:30 am. Car pooling from BECHS is available. Contact Bernie Wilson at (507) 625-5855 by February 5th to make reservations. Also, if you have input or would like further information, please feel free to call.

See the newsletter calendar and watch the web page and future newsletters for event dates and information.



Rapidan Heritage Society

With the coming of the new year, the Rapidan area has reached the magical sesquicentennial age. In 1854, the first settler staked a claim in the Rapids area (near the present day Rapidan Dam). Now, 150 years later, we will be celebrating these pioneers, and all the people that followed, with a celebration on September 11, 2004. Mark your calendar for a fun-filled day.

Check us out on the Internet! Information on RHS and the Rapidan area may be found at www.rapidandepot.com. The Rapidan Town Board is partnering with RHS and the township monthly minutes and meeting schedule are also contained on the website. Coming soon will be more pictures and information.

Jane Tarjeson
Secretary RHS

Notes from the Collection Manager...

In 2001 BECHS received a grant to purchase storage boxes for the various hats in the three-dimensional collection. We have recently completed the final step of that project. We have wrapped and padded the hats with acid-free tissue, researched the date of origin for many of the hats and now have photographed them.

Thanks to Jack Madsen we have been able to photograph the hats using his digital camera. We have photographed over 350 hats (not the entire collection at this point). The photographs and descriptions of each hat will be compiled in a reference book for collections staff and volunteers. It can be used for exhibits, research and for inventory purposes. Collections volunteers Mary McComb and Grace Keir have spent many hours photographing and inventorying this collection.

Another project on the horizon for the three-dimensional collection is our textile and clothing collection. In November we received news that we were awarded a grant to purchase boxes, tissue and padded hangers for our textile and clothing collection. We plan to inventory the entire collection, reorganize the contents of the boxes to ensure better storage conditions for delicate items and reevaluate which clothing items can remain hanging. This project will take awhile to complete, but we look forward to a more organized system. We could use extra help by anyone with basic sewing skills. We need to assemble the padded hangers and sew identification tags into the clothing.

As you can see, we are definitely busy at BECHS. The new year will bring us a lot of challenges and adventures and we can't wait. Please feel free to stop by and see our progress. Also, if you get the chance, please help me thank Win Grundmeier, Orv Jensen, Grace Keir and Mary McComb for all of their hard work with the three-dimensional collection! BECHS couldn't accomplish all the things we do without the dedication of our volunteers!

Jessica Potter
Collections Manager

Through the Research Center Door:

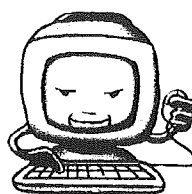
Two small, but very interesting, research tools in the Research Center are the "Services Men's Notebooks." They are a compilation of the "Service Men's Report." "The Service Men's Report" was a column in the *Mankato Free Press* which appeared almost daily from 1942 to 1946.

During World War II much of the information we on the home front learned about our local men and women serving overseas, was found in those columns. It was the first thing many turned to in the evening to read. Sometimes the "Service Men's Report" consisted of lists; those who had enlisted, or those who were home on furlough. There were also exciting stories of the men and women from Blue Earth County like "Lake Crystal Airman Wins DFC" or "19 Women Join WAVES in City".

Many of the reports were small biographies on those serving. For anyone searching for information on someone from Blue Earth County who served during World War II, these notebooks are a wonderful resource. They are indexed by surname and by subject for easy access. You can even find the Index on our website: www.rootsweb.com/~mnbechs/.

So if you've been to the Research Center and think you've found it all, there may be something new to discover. Stop by and 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 email.

Shelley Harrison
Archives Assistant



Visit our website, we have a calendar of events, searchable indexes, pictures, and other information. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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October - December 2003 BECHS Donations

Anderson, Roy: Manuscript - You're in the Army Now

Ballard, Rosann: Atlas of BEC - 1967, Form - Application for Loan, Account Book 1898, Tom Olson

Bartsch, Glenn : Postcards (36) - Blue Earth County, Book - Indian Outbreaks

Burgess, Robert: Anchor made by Dotson Foundry

DeWitt, Joanne Bierbauer: 30" Doll, Clothes for 30" Doll (18 pieces), Pioneer Costume (5 pieces), Doll Furniture (17 pieces), Dolls (6) and clothing, Marbles, Otaknam 1936, Otaknam 1937

Faribault County Historical Society: Booklet/Photo - Class of 1907 MSNS

Frederick, Mike: Brochure - The Peddler of Rapidan, Menu - Cafe Ambrosia, Menu - Mexican Village, Menu - Pub 500, Photo (2) Pub 500, Pencil - Pub 500, Book - The Korean War 1950-1953, Book - Peacebound Trains, Posters - Korean War, Letters (copies) - Korean War, Ornament - YWCA 1991, Bottle Cap - Hubbard Milling, Program - Merely Players 2001, Papers - Blue Earth River Basin Initiative

Gorz, Rowena: Pipe

Grundmeier, Shirley: Booklet - From Ireland to Minnesota, Booklet - 125th Anniversary 1st Baptist Church

Grundmeier, Win: Photo - (7) Robinson House, Lake Crystal

Hagen, Georgia: Photos (2) 1951 flood N. Front St.

Jenkins, Alice and Margaret: Booklet - Salem Church history, Booklet - Cambria Presbyterian Church, Booklet - Musical Heritage of MN Welsh, Book - We Have Endured (Welsh), Book - Zion Presbyterian Church centennial history, Papers - Rev. H.P. Morgan, Program - Welsh Presbyterian Church 75th, Papers (6) - 1st Presbyterian Church Lake Crystal, Booklet - 1st Presbyterian Church Lake Crystal 75th Anniversary, Paper - essay by William W. Jenkins, Book - Lake Crystal Centennial, Postcard (6), Bible - Welsh, Program - Lake Crystal High School

Jensen, Orville: Doughnut maker, Microwave Bacon Fryer

Johnson, Clifford: Record - Jolly Brewers (2), Record - Sister Cabrini, Record - SSND

Keir, Grace: Display of covered buttons, Sweatshirt

LaFavor, Lyle: Slide - Garden City RR bridge

Lindmeier, Wayne: Cartridge rack - KYSM

Mason, James: Poster - (2) Living Magically Radio program, Photo - (2) Marion Mason

McGrew, Mary: Camera - Kodak Instamatic, Camera - Kodak Tele Ektralite

Richards, Marcia: Program (2) - Thursday Reading Club

Schaub, Shirley: Book - The Pie Lady of Winthrop, Book - How to Talk Minnesotan, Book - The Prehistoric People of Minnesota, Book - Thrilling Incidents of the Indian War, Booklet - MHS Class of 1954 20th Reunion, Book - Decorating Ideas

Schrader, Julie: Booklet - Kato 30/40 Club 1978-1991, Booklet - Kato 30/40 Club 1978-1994, Katoland Connection Membership book

Schultz, Georgia: Booklet (2) - 1st Pres. Church Lake Crystal, Brochure - MSU 1995, Fan - Minnesota 4H, Platform Rocking Chair

Schulz, Shelly: Photo (5) - M. Anderson's 150th Print

Smith, Emmett: CD - Mankato History radio program - Nov. 2003, CD - Mankato History radio program - Dec. 2003

Swanson, Kevin: Portable Video Cassette Recorder

Tarjeson, Jane: Kauffmann's Taxi mileage chart, Kauffmann's Taxi business card

TerBeest, Rod: Poster - Man on a Mission

Unknown: Hats (4) Women's, Hats (2) Men's, Shoes (3) Women's, Shoes (1) Mans, Beaded Bag

Zabel, Carol: Coat - worn by Joseph Rausch 1867, Vest - worn by Joseph Rausch, Photo - Casper Rausch wedding 1917, Suit (3 pc.) - Casper Rausch 1917

New! New! New!

**For your convenience, the gallery,
museum store and research center
are now all open from 5:00 to 8:00
pm on Tuesday evenings.**

Come in and see us!!

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Dooley, Mary
Douglas, John
Douglas-Hennis, Brandi
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Faron, Mark
Frederick, Michael
Goff, Harley
Graham, Joanne
Griffith, Helen
Grundmeier, Shirley
Grundmeier, Win
Geister, David
Hagen, Tom

Hanson, Kathryn
Hennis, Larry
Herbst, Gordon
Hopman, Edith
Hugg, Corey
Hugg, Bob
Jansen, Steve
Jensen, Mary Ann
Jensen, Orv
Johnson, Casey
Keir, Grace
Kubicek, Joe
Kubicek, Sylva
Lagerquist, Mike
Lamson, Barb
Lavitschke, Jo-an
Lee, Elaine
Lundblad, Larry
Madsen, Jack
McComb, Mary
McLaughlin, Theresa
McLaughlin, Tom
Nesheim, Steve
Niu, Dana
Norman, Beth
Norman, John
Nussbaumer, Linda
Nysteun, Aleigha
Ohlenkamp, Ora

O'Malley, Helen
Patterson-Lundgren, Molly
Rezmerski, John
Ries, Bill
Riesdorf, Richard
Salsbery, Tom
Sandon, Buzz
Sassenberg, Eunice
Schmidt, Roberta
Schmitz, Leora
Schultz, Jo
Schultz, Bob
Shortall, Christina
Sizemore, Daardi
Smith, Emmett
Smith, H. Roger
Sofchalk, Helen
Sugden, George
Tarjeson, Jane
Tollefson, LaDonna
Twilight Garden Club
Webb, Donna
Wichtendahl, Paul
Wilson, Bernadette
Wright, Lorraine
Ziegler, Ken
Zielske, Dan
Zimmer, Beth

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:

*assembling garment hangers
sewing labels in garments
working with some carpentry projects
participating on the Development and
Marketing Committee
researching and writing*

WISH LIST

- 1930 Census on Microfilm
- Federal Census Index 1880 on CD
- Federal Census Index 1910 on CD
- *Mankato Free Press* on microfilm 1998-2003
- *Lake Crystal Tribune* on microfilm 1997-2000
- *Maple River Messenger* on microfilm 1995-2002
- Mankato City Directories 1998, 2000-2003
- Digital camera
- *Thank you to the Madison Lake Area Historical Society for their donation of \$90 to purchase 3 rolls of the Lake Region Times (1997-2002) on microfilm!*

Blue Earth County



Membership Form

Yes, I would like to become a member of the
Blue Earth County Historical Society!

Member Levels*

- | | |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Student | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Senior | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household | \$35.00 |

Send completed form to:
BECHS Membership
415 Cherry Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Donor Levels*

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booster | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$1000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$5000.00 |

* For Business Membership information, please contact the BECHS office

BECHS Membership Benefits:

- Support preservation of our heritage
- Free admission to the Hubbard House
- Free admission to the Exhibit Gallery
- Free access to the Research Center
- Invitations to special events
- 10% discount at the Museum Store
- Reduced admission to special programs
- Quarterly history publication

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ Please send me information about becoming a BECHS Volunteer



New and Renewed Members

Allen County Public Library
Allen, Sharon
Arzdorf, Judy
Barber, James
Bessler, John
Blomquist, Art and Rosetta
Boroski, Betty
Brown, Kenneth
Brown, Perry and Jolene
Carstensen, Vernon and Norma
Coleman, Mary
Cumiskey, June
Diel, Doris
Duane, Susan
Dubke, Duane
Fasnacht, William
Freyberg, Lynette
Hansen, Norma

Hinrichs, William
Hodapp, Frank
Holbrook, Viola
Hopman, Edith
Jones, Eldon and Helen
Larson, John
Mack, Jim and Irene
Madsen, Tim and Liz
Neumiller, Robert
Norland, Roger
Norris, Margaret
Nuessle, Ruth
Oehlen, Dick
Owens, Catherine
Piehl, Chuck and Kathy
Powell, Nancy
Rezmerski, John
Roth, Katie Nerem
Ryan, Thomas

S.S. Peter and Paul Jesuit Community
Scullin, Michael
Scheidel, John
Simonett, James and Patricia
Smith, Emmett
Smoley, John
Snilsberg, Lee and Loretta
Sofchalk, Helen
Sontag, Leola
Steele, Richard and Ramona
Strobel, Judith
Swanson, Jody and Kevin
Thomas, Joanne
Thompson, Mary
Weiland, Mavis
Weimert, Lucille
Wilson, Bernadette
Ziegler, Matt
Zimprich, Shirley



Upcoming Programs & Events

Please mark your calendar and join us!

January 29, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
"That's Entertainment" Comes Alive
Heather Curling Club, Mapleton

February 9, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Blue Earth County Diner's Club
Wagon Wheel Cafe, Mankato

February 12, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Hometown History Photo Night
Vernon Center City Hall

February 14, 10:00 am to noon
Young Historians - History of Holidays
Blue Earth County Library

February 23, 6:30 to 9:00 pm
"That's Entertainment" Comes Alive
Oscar Night at BECHS

March 11, 7:00 to 9:00
Hometown History Photo Night
Lake Crystal American Legion

March 13, 10:00 am to noon
Young Historians - Great Depression
Blue Earth County Historical Society

March 16, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Blue Earth County Diner's Club
Uncle Alberts, Eagle Lake

March 21, 1:00 to 4:00
"That's Entertainment" Comes Alive
Victory Bowl Mankato

April 8, 7:00 to 9:00
Hometown History Photo Night
Pemberton Community Center/School

April 12, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Blue Earth County Diner's Club
Jake's Stadium Pizza, Mankato

April 17 10:00 am to noon
Young Historians - World War II
Blue Earth County Historical Society

April 19, 7:00 to 9:00
"That's Entertainment" Comes Alive
Rainy Day Games at BECHS Gallery

**Those interested in any of the above activities,
please contact BECHS at (507) 345-5566 for
reservation one week prior to the event.**



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