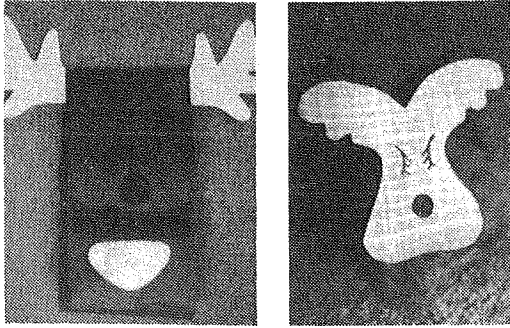


Open House Cont.



L to R: Blue Earth County Historical Society membership gift bag. / Handmade wooden reindeer.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

Verona Roberts, Mankato; Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Townsend, Mankato; Calvin & Margaret Ward, Mapleton; R.C. & Salet, Mankato; Jon & Helen Trost, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Fisher, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schweppe, Mankato; Alvis More, Mapleton; Marjory Moravek, Mankato; Mrs. J.J. Dobie, Mapleton; Karl & Jackie Duncanson, Mapleton; Delores Wood, St. Clair; Gary & Karen Hoef, Mankato; Richard Cogley, North Mankato; C. Richard & Arly Rawson, Mankato; Robert & Gail Ihrig, Mankato; Evelyn Hill, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Thiesse, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. R. Michael Regan, North Mankato; Bess Penn, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Erikson, Mankato; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Morris, Mapleton; Beth Walker, Mapleton; Jim Mead, Mankato; Dennis Erie, Mankato; Joseph & Malda Farnham, Mankato; Karyn Nester, Mankato

Donations

Thanks to the following for donations to the Society this past month:
Mankato Women's Club, Mankato; Town & Country Interiors, Mankato; Bess Penn, Mankato; Edna Will, Mapleton

Memorials

In memory of:
Howard Nelson given by Dean & Ruth Wykoss
Howard Nelson given by Mrs. Howard Nelson
Hugh Willard given by Marilyn Thurston
Hugh Willard given by Dean & Ruth Wykoff
Hugh Willard given by Mr. & Mrs. Bud Barnard

Please note that if we received your memorial, membership or donation after the 15th of the month when our newsletter goes to press, your name will appear in next month's newsletter.

PERFECT FOR HOLIDAY GIVING!

A gift membership in the Blue Earth County Historical Society is a perfect way to give a gift that lasts all year and lets a loved one secure their place in history.



Membership Levels

- Individual \$20
- Family \$30
- Student \$15
- Patron \$100

Business Memberships

We suggest a level corresponding to employee numbers.

- Associate (under 10 employees) \$25
- Affiliate (10-50 employees) \$50
- Sponsor (over 50 employees) \$100

- Sustaining Life Member \$20

This level is offered to those who became life members prior to 1985 for sums of \$10 to \$40, who would like to show their continued support on an annual basis.

Please send a gift membership to:

Name (please print) _____

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

November 1989 Calendar of Events

- Nov. 11 "Man on a Mission", re-premiere showings at 2 and 7 pm
- Nov. 23-24 Museum Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26 Young Historians Workshop

Notes from the Director

-Susan M. Monk-Kjos

Fall is definitely upon us and the gardens and trees of the Hubbard House have lost their summer colors. The twinkle lights on the buildings will soon replace the darkness as we light up as part of the city of Mankato "Celebration of Lights". The third annual "Ghosts from the Past" was a huge success last month and had sell-out capacity crowds both evenings. Even the rain on Sunday couldn't dampen the spirits in the woods at Williams Nature Center. We truly appreciate all of the volunteers and visitors who made this event such a huge success for the third year. Thanks to Bud Lawrence and Hardees for providing beverages for the thirsty crowds. We would like to welcome long-time volunteer Craig Roberts to the staff of the Historical Society. Craig will be working on newspaper promotions for the Society as part of a two year promotions plan recently developed. Craig's position is funded in part by a grant from the Andreas Foundation. Keep your eyes open for our ad campaign in the county newspapers. Thanks also go to the volunteers who helped out during the membership drive held in September. Special thanks to Hubbard Milling Company for providing the telephones for the member drive in a pleasant working environment at their office in Mankato. Welcome to the new members! Construction on the Heritage Center gift shop is coming along with lighting for the exhibit gallery being installed at the present time. We are planning for a late 1990 Grand Opening of the Heritage Center Exhibit Gallery. We'll keep you informed on the progress.

Curation Notes

Audrey K. Burmeister-Hicks

As the outdoor temperature has fallen, we have concluded the data-gathering portion of the 1989 Blue Earth County Cemetery Project. It has been a very productive year for the Project with transcriptions taken for the following cemeteries: Union, Chase, and Calvary, all of Mapleton Township; St. John's Lutheran Church's North and South Cemeteries, Willow Creek; the Garden City Cemetery and the James Gail family cemetery, Garden City Township; St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Pleasant View Cemeteries, Shelby Township; Vernon Center and St. Matthew's Catholic Church Cemeteries, Vernon Center; Spring Island Cemetery and the west section of Minneopa Cemetery, South Bend Township; the Latourelle family cemetery, Danville Township; and the Jackson Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Sterling Township. Work was started in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Mankato.

We thank the following individuals who worked to make the 1989 Cemetery Project successful and enjoyable: Kelly Reuter, Agnes Mitzner, Ed Kaduce, and Lorvin Kietzer, Amboy; Rev. Mitchell Maxted, Lyle LaFavor, and Mr. & Mrs. Duane Munter, Garden City; Arno Proehl, James (Hutch) & Cathy Cramer, and Doris Adams, Mapleton; Elmer Goodrich, Pemberton; Gladys Klaus and Rev. Jack Miller, Vernon Center; Betty Cords, rural Good Thunder; Jennifer Haas and Georgia Schultz, Madison Lake; Craig Roberts, Alma Severson, Edith Hopman, Marcia Richards, Norma Hansen, Edmund Jesse and Norma Carstensen, Mankato; Keisha Swanson, St. Peter; and Janet Larson, North Mankato.

During the upcoming winter months we will type lists of the transcriptions and enter the data in the computer. As a result, biographical information on hundreds of the county's residents will be made accessible to researchers.

Everybody Wins With Planned Giving

In the Capital Campaign, part of the dollars were for endowment purposes. Endowment is like a seatbelt. If you need it and don't have it, it's too late.

With this in mind, we'd like to expand further the endowment of the BECHS to assure the future of our wonderful Historical Society as we now know it.

We have asked Douglas W. Johnson, CLU, ChFC of the Caritable Planning Company to assist the Society. He is very familiar with many of the planned giving techniques which can be beneficial not only to the Historical Society but to you as a donor.

Doug indicates that planned giving allows you to:

1. Increase your current economic prosperity and the future prosperity of your family.
2. Save income and estate taxes.
3. Enhance your ability to give to charity.

Doug has had experience with both large and small gifts and says you don't have to be a millionaire in order to benefit from planned giving.

If you would like more information, please call Susan Monk-Kjos at 345-5566.

GHOSTS FROM THE PAST



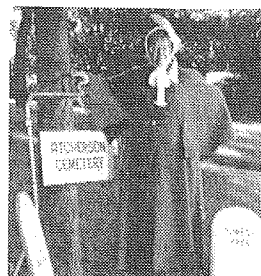
Bryce Stenzel as Abraham Lincoln.



Mike Lagerquist as George Sontag, Train Robber.



Eleanor Wittrock as Margaretha Frescholtz; Midwife - Bleeder.



Betty Cords as the Nosey Neighbor



From Left; Laura & Elizabeth Hunter, Seth Greenwald, Kathy Hunter. From Left; Mike Orcutt, Glenn Cotton, Bob Minzel, Arn Kind as the 1st MN Volunteer Infantry Division.



Young Historians Program

The Young Historians Program started in January 1987, funded in part through a grant from the Institute of Museum Services. In 1986, Grace Jefferson established a trust in memory of her parents Leon Thomas Jefferson and Lydia F. Jefferson, to be used for educational purposes. This fund now helps support the monthly workshops. Children in grades 3-6 are given the opportunity on a monthly basis to participate in a series of activities and workshops focusing primarily on Blue Earth County. In the past, workshops have included traditional Native American dance, weaving and spinning of exotic fibers, the art of stained glass, wildflower walking tour, mapmaking, horse shoeing at the County Fair, and papermaking. As you can tell from the programs we've offered so far, and the enthusiasm shown in the photos, history need not be a boring subject! Through our Young Historians Workshops, history comes alive for children in Blue Earth County!



L to R - Rhubarb and cotton blended to make paper pulp. / Drying sheets of paper made from handmade paper pulp.



Young Historians Workshop

The November Young Historians Workshop will travel to Amboy, MN to participate in a Christmas Wonderland. The workshop will be held on Sunday, November 26. The open house includes a live nativity scene and sleigh rides. For reservations and more information please call Greta, 507-345-5566.

The year was 1965.
The place was Mankato.
The cast was us.
The movie was

MAN ON A MISSION

The Encore Screenings
Saturday, Nov. 11, MTC Auditorium
2 pm Matinee
7 pm Gala Re-Premiere
and Reception

Sponsored by
the Blue Earth County Historical Society
and the Mankato Rotary Club.
For ticket information call 345-5566.

Christmas Open House

The holiday season is a time for sharing music, festive spirits, food, and family traditions. Christmas customs allow us to maintain ties to the past and bring our heritage to the present. Each year the Blue Earth County Historical Society opens the Hubbard House for an afternoon of fellowship during the holidays. This year along with special foods, doll and teddy bear displays, and a visit from Santa Claus, the Society will offer handmade gifts in the true spirit of giving. Please join us in celebrating this season of peace and merriment!