

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

-Mary Brown

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:
James L. Spenger, Mankato
Mrs. John Meagher, Mankato

New Sustaining Life Members

Mrs. Vernon Hanson, St. Peter

General Donations

Town of Garden City
Doris Pagel, Mankato
Town of Cambria

Memorials

In memory of Lawrence Fowler
given by Mrs. Richard L. Myers
Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney

In memory of Earl Grassit
given by Eileen Willard

In memory of Ruth Confer
given by Mildred Gumo Thro
Charles & Katherine Frost

In memory of Rosina Williams
given by Margaret Williams Carr
Mrs. Ray (Teresa) Erlandson

Public support and participation make possible the fine educational programs and exhibits offered by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. For information on how you can become a member and support Blue Earth County history, please call Mary at 507/345-5566 or write her at 415 Cherry St., Mankato, MN 56001.

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.

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Calendar of Events

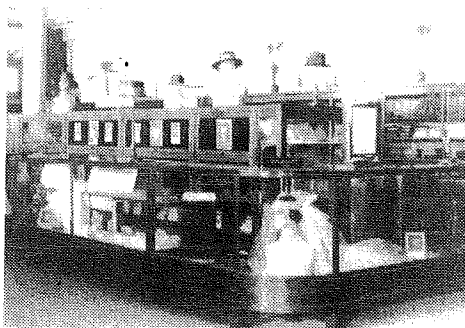
- May 5 **Young Historians Workshop**, jewelry making, 1 pm at the Heritage Center, call 345-5566 for reservations.
- May 11 **Region Nine Annual Conference on Aging**, "Family History" session presented by Audrey Burmeister-Hicks.
- May 12 **Annual Mothers Day Plant Sale**, at the Hubbard House, 9 am - 1 pm, call for information.
- May 18 **International Museum Day**.
- May 23 **Cemetery Day**, first session of 1990.
- May 28 **Offices Closed** in observance of Memorial Day

Notes from the Director

-Susan M. Monk-Kjos

Things are really starting to change fast now that spring has arrived. Construction on the new entrance at the Heritage Center is nearly complete. Special thanks to the staff of the Summit Center for guiding Historical Society visitors through their offices and upstairs into the Heritage Center while our entrance is closed during construction. The gardens at the Hubbard House are starting to green up nicely under the care of the Twilight Garden Club and the City of Mankato Parks and Forestry Division. I'd like to thank the Lake Crystal Elementary School for inviting me to speak to all of the 1-5 graders during their history week. It was a fun afternoon! Congratulations go to BECHS Board President, Susan Stevens Chambers on being one of the YWCA Leaderdinner awardees which honors outstanding women in the Greater Mankato Area. All of us on the staff of the Society are very proud of Susan.

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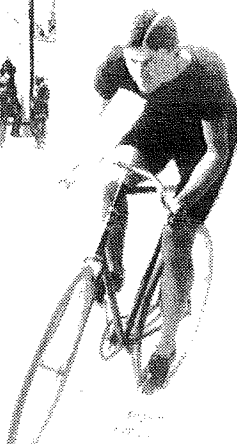


Brett's Millinery Department, 1920's

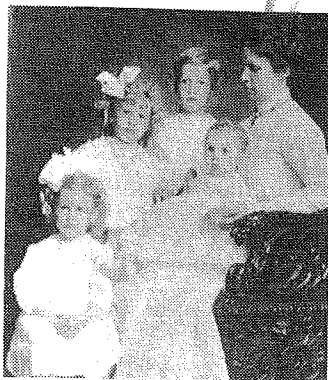


Empire Store, late 1800's

Wilbur Taylor



Eloise Taylor
Leah Taylor
Brett Taylor Sr.
Morgan Taylor
Mary Brett Taylor



Curation Notes

-Audrey K. Burmeister-Hicks

We will begin the 1990 season of the Blue Earth County Cemetery Project with a working session at the Prairie Bach (which is Welsh for "little prairie") Cemetery in Cambria Township. The outing will be held on Wed., May 23, with participants meeting at the Heritage Center at 8:30 a.m. If the weather looks ominous that morning call the Heritage Center at 345-5566 for information on rescheduling.

We invite you to join us for the session and ask that you bring a pencil, paper, and money for lunch; we plan to treat ourselves to hamburgers at the Cambria Bar and Grill at noon!

We welcome Mankato State University history department intern Kelly Nelson to the museum staff. Kelly, who will be with us through spring quarter, is working with the Collections Committee on the formulation of a disaster preparedness plan for our artifact and archives collections.

A special thanks to Carol Dubke of San Diego for loaning BECHS her 1953 **Otaknam** (Mankato High School yearbook) for use in the exhibit gallery. We are still looking for a copy of that yearbook to add to our permanent museum collection so if you have one which you would be willing to donate, please call Audrey at 507-345-5566.

Gift Shop Update

New titles for sale at the Heritage Center gift shop include the following:



The Heritage Center and Hubbard House gift shops recently received a shipment of handcrafted Native American jewelry including bead and quillwork. Included in this inventory are beautiful bracelets, necklaces, earrings and key chains. Birch bark birdhouses and mini-canoes also are available. Stop by and see the incredible beauty of these handcrafted items. The Hubbard House has also received some recipe booklets. These booklets include a gift card and envelope and are terrific for sending as birthday greetings or for other special events. The recipes are tasty additions to anyone's recipe file. The Hubbard House also has a new shipment of handcrafted wooden dolls and other spring creatures including bunnies and bears. What an exciting way to bring in spring!

The Heritage Center gift shop is open Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 pm, call Faye at 507/345-5566 for more information. The Hubbard House gift shop is open Tuesday-Sunday from 1-5 pm, call Jane at 507/345-4154 for more information. Mail orders are available for most purchases.

Photo Session

We are gathering together people who have been instrumental in the planning, design and near completion of the new Heritage Center exhibit gallery for a group photo. If you have been involved over the years in a committee, Board of Trustees or staff of the Society, or in anyway assisted with forming the gallery, WE WANT YOU. . .! A group photo of this crowd of volunteers will be included in the new gallery. We have scheduled this photo session for May 10, 1990 at the Heritage Center. It has taken so many friends of Blue Earth County history to achieve this new gallery, here is your chance to stand and be recognized. We hope for a lot of smiling faces. Please RSVP to Susan at 507/345-5566 by May 7 if you want to be included in this photo.

PROGRAM UPDATE

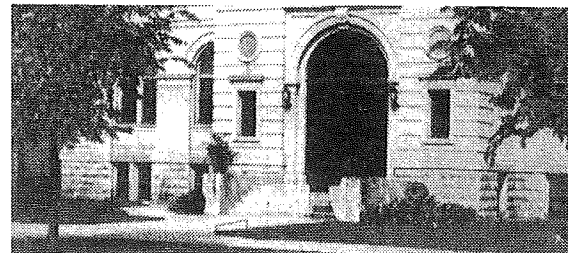
-Greta Hurlbut

Architectural Find

Can you identify this image? This architectural element is part of our city's landscape. If you have an

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interest in historical architecture, and need a new challenge to put a little **ZEST** in your life, NOW is the time to get involved with the Historical Society's 4th Annual Tour of Historic Homes - July 7, 1990. For more information, contact Greta, 345-5566.



Young Historians

In January the Young Historians learned how to prepare and apply color dyes to create tie-dyed T-shirts. HISTORY IS ALIVE IN LIVING COLOR!



Plant Sale

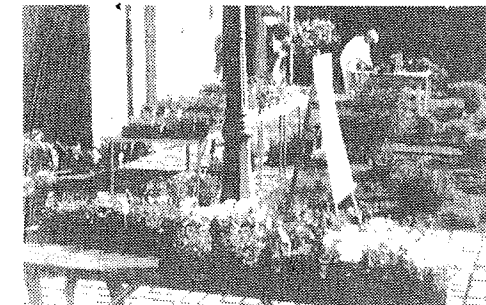
Each year countless numbers of plant lovers are attracted to the award winning gardens at the historic Hubbard House, and are interested in purchasing plants from the Society. To make those requests possible, the Society sponsors an Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. This year the event will take place on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, on the lawn of the Hubbard House.

REMEMBER! May 13th is Mother's Day. Why not give a gift of flowers? Thousands of flowering annual and perennial plants will be available. Also on

hand, will be rich black soil by the pound, or have your patio containers and cemetery urns planted while you wait.

Members of the Twilight Garden Club and the Blue Earth County Master Gardeners will be volunteering at the event to share their expertise.

So mark your calendars for May 12th! Plan to attend the Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Hubbard House and bring a friend!



Cause to Celebrate!

The excitement and satisfaction that the 5th Annual Heritage Dinner generated, gives us pause to reflect on the families and people who are truly an inspiration in each of our lives.

To each and every one of the volunteers and participants at this year's event, **THANK YOU**, from the bottom of my heart.

Greta Hurlbut

Chuck Adamson	Fred & Betty Cords
Jean Taylor Bender	Audrey Burmeister-Hicks
Betsy Fowler	Mary McGrew
Eloise Taylor Fowler	Jo Schultz
Leah Taylor Hawes	Craig Roberts
Viola Laird	Susan Monk-Kjos
Marie Streater	Mary Brown
Brett & Gretchen Taylor	Marsha Danielson
Scott Taylor	Amy Deike
Nancy Katzer	Anna Deike
Jade Lueth	Elizabeth Deike
Michael Vosburgh	David McCarl
Debbie Schlingman	Ryan Langseth
Richard Chambers	Deena Briggs
Greg Abbott	Jane Fossen
Faye Mattison	

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