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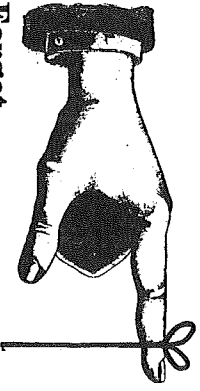
At the direction of the County Commissioners, architects Jim Kagemeier and Roger Skaar have been investigating possible museum sites. Members of the public have made suggestions and we have checked them all out. Attention is now centered on two possible sites: Court House parking lot on 5th street (site of the old jail) and the area on 2nd and Main streets which adjoins the Regional Library. Commissioners and architects will welcome your suggestions and recommendations.

Vice-President Mary Dooley, Archivist Audrey Hicks, Margaret Schreyer from the Traverse des Sioux Genealogical Society, Denise Schmidt and I visited the Brown County Historical Society archives to see how they handle their family archives material. We got lots of good ideas and some of them we can incorporate into our system without difficulty. We hope to make our resources more available to genealogical researchers just as soon as we are able to secure more space -- either in a new museum building, or in rented space.

The Minnesota Historical Society workshop rescheduled from June was duly held August 25 on Publicity and Public Relations for historical organizations. It was well worthwhile with many more good ideas for us.

Our bus tour this year is of a different sort. You will have the chance to visit two nearby historical society museums, while groups from their counties will visit ours. This is a more leisurely tour with a picnic lunch en route. Get your reservations in.

Marcia T. Schuster



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Return your Bus Reservation by September 17

Return your Bazaar Questionnaire by September 20

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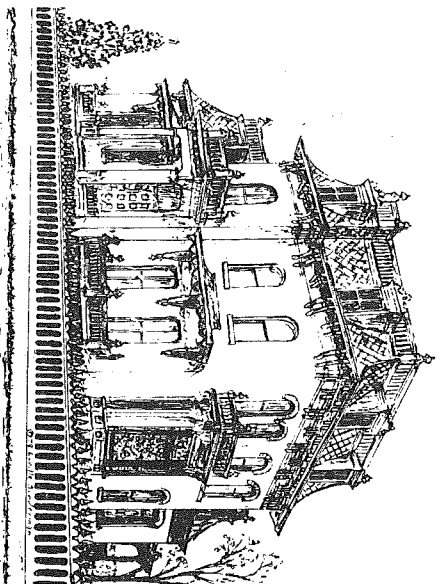
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Reflections On An Internship

I am not sure how to describe my three months at the Blue Earth County Historical Society. I have been busy from the first day and, I might add, I have loved every minute of it. I want to thank the Society for giving me the opportunity to work here. I have learned a great deal.

My projects have been varied, to give me a chance to experience the full realm of museum work. I guess my first week of work should have indicated what the summer had in store for me. The cancelled (on a half-hour's notice) Minnesota Historical Society workshop on public relations was the "highlight" of Week #1. I learned that being prepared for anything at all times is very helpful.

My latest undertaking was the County Fair in Garden City. I was there, in the Society Booth, all four days! The St. Clair Cottonwood was my responsibility. I think I learned more of the history of Blue Earth County while researching the dates to mark on the tree than I know of my native county in Illinois! It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun too.

Reflections on an internship (cont'd.)

In between the workshop and the Fair, I installed a new quilt exhibit at the museum. It turned out to be more work than I expected, but that is what usually happens at a museum. I do not want to boast, but I think it turned out nicely. The quilts themselves are beautiful.

In my "spare time" I worked on the Union School proposal, wrote the procedures manual for the weekend receptionists, attended meetings with the County Commissioners, helped with the rummage sale, worked in the Archives, worked a few weekends, and sat in on Board meetings. I believe I have experienced as much as possible in three short months.

The time has passed so quickly for me. My immediate future is to spend three months at the Waseca County Historical Society working on projects and learning the workings of their museum. In order to complete my Masters degree in Historical Administration, I need to make a trip to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois to take my comprehensive exams and turn in a report of my internship. I have fulfilled my class requirements and may officially join the work force in December. My destination at that time is unknown at this moment.

I shall always remember the Blue Earth County Historical Society and shall continue to be interested in your activities. I will not say "Good-Bye" officially as that is too permanent. I will be back for the Bazaar (I have even been commissioned to contribute a few items,) and just to visit. I have also promised to attend the dedication of the new museum, whenever that may be!!

Thank you for my experiences and thank you for my memories.

Denise A. Schmidt

Calendar of Events

Sept. 25 Round Robin Bus Tour to Waseca and Freeborn Counties

Sept. 26 **Stories for our Place program** - Meridel Le Sueur 2 pm MSU Student Union

Oct. 2 & 3 So. Minnesota Genealogical Conference Holiday Inn, Albert Lea

Oct. 3 **Stories for our Place program** - David Olson & Cherry Creek Theater Co.

Oct. 24 **Stories for our Place program** - Dr. Gerald Vezenor & Dr. Mulford Q. Sibley

Oct. 31 **Stories for our Place program** - Dr. Gregor Goethals

Nov. 7 **Opening Day Tea** - Museum Shop Bazaar 1 - 5 pm

Nov. 7-14 **Museum Shop Bazaar**
More information on these events is available at the Museum.

Welcome to

Our new volunteer, Karen Mesrobian, who will be with us one and a half days per week as Curatorial Aid. She will be accessioning and marking artifacts.

Welcome To New Members

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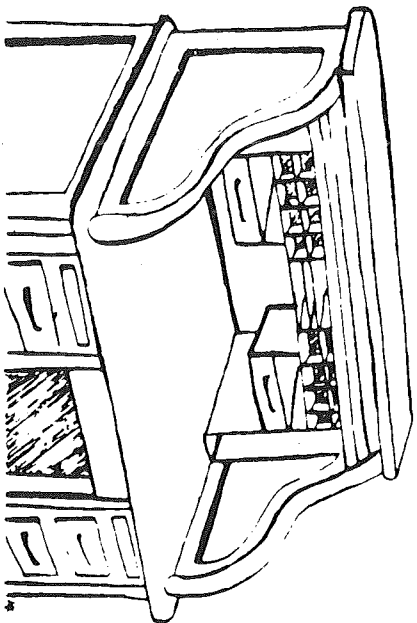
Elizabeth Borchardt
Charlotte Church
Mrs. Vert Groenke*
Mrs. Karen Knaak*
Leonard Jablon*
Mrs. William Meixell*

(*won drawing at County Fair)

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From the Director's Rolltop ...



Comments about the new newsletter format have been universally favorable. For those who miss the historical article, please be reminded that we have plans to publish a historical magazine at least once a year which will carry several articles. Thanks to all who called or wrote to give me their reactions. Editorships are both still open. Job descriptions are available so that you can see exactly what is involved and what background is required.

Denise Schmidt, our summer intern, leaves us for a three month internship with Waseca County Historical Society. We shall miss all her hard work and her cheerful willingness to tackle anything we asked. She will certainly go far in the museum profession.

Our exhibit at the County Fair was the best yet -- each year we add new things, and refine some of the old. The County Quilt was a smash hit -- it is colorful, interesting and historic. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who had any part in its preparation. (You will want to attend our Bazaar Opening Day Tea where quilters will be quilting on it. We also hope to have a color film on quilting.) The cottonwood tree stump was a fascinating exhibit also, as were the photographs of the National Register Sites in the county. Thank you one and all who worked on the displays, tended the booth and provided time, labor and counsel to the staff.

A Memorial Has Been

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