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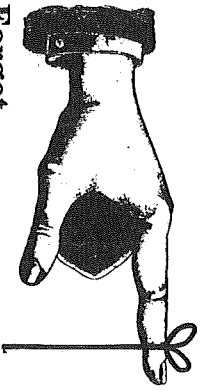
At the direction of the County Commissioners, architects Jim Kagemeier and Roger Skaar have been investigating possible museum sites. Members of the public have made suggestions and we have checked them all out. Attention is now centered on two possible sites: Court House parking lot on 5th street (site 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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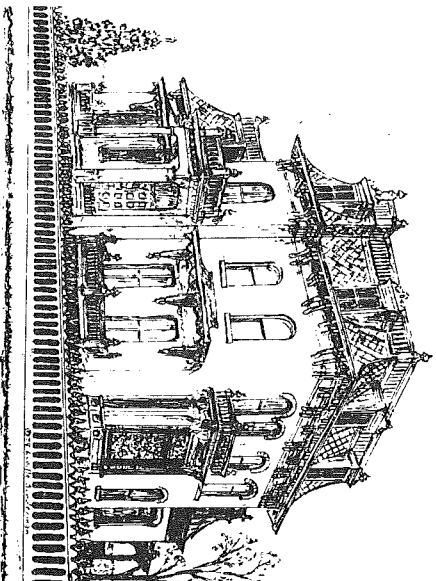
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Reflections On An Internship

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.