

From the Director's Rolltop, cont.

I look forward to continuing on the solid foundation that has been established by my predecessors. Goals have been established for 1983 and we, the Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers, will strive to achieve them. I will also continue to work on the projects that are already in progress. As with any organization, there is much which needs to be done, with new projects surfacing daily. I am excited by the challenges before me.

December has been a busy month for me, with most of my time spent getting acquainted with the daily responsibilities of my job. On December 7, Marcia Schuster, Ernest and Dollis Hansen, and I represented the Society at the dedication of the plaque commemorating the coming of the railroad to Lake Crystal. Also attending were Russell Fridley, Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and David Nystuen, Director of Field Services, Minnesota Historical Society. The Lake Crystal Historical Society planned a very special event which was well attended.

I have been asked to serve on the steering committee to plan the Annual Meeting of Minnesota Historical Organizations to be held on April 29 and 30. It should prove to be a very informative event.

I invite each one of you to visit the museum and introduce yourself to me. I anxiously await meeting you, if not in the next few months, at the Annual Meeting in April. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Society activities, or how we could better serve your needs, please let me know. I cannot guarantee that they will all be used, but input is always welcome!

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 1983!

*Denise*

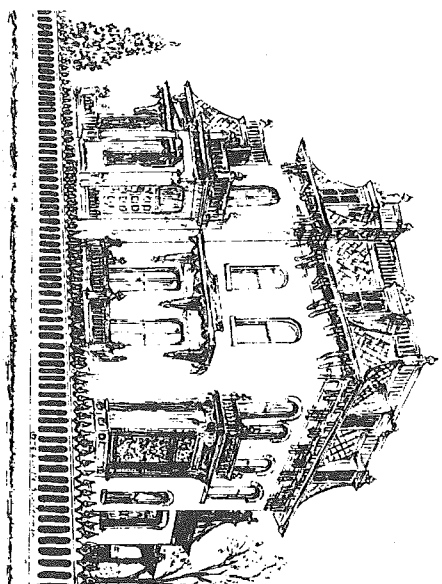
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## WE NEED YOU . . .

Hidden Historians and Anonymous Authors, now is your chance!

The Society plans to publish a magazine in the summer of 1983. However, we are in need of manuscripts. The articles should be of general interest to the membership and should pertain to some aspect of Blue Earth County history. Subjects such as a biography of an early settler, the history of a farm, the history of an event, an unusual story about a town, are all possibilities. The list is endless!

The length should be no more than five to six typed pages (about 1000 - 1200 words), double-spaced, please. Include a list of sources; footnotes are optional.

Call the Museum if you wish to submit a manuscript. We must have all material no later than April 15, if the magazine is to be printed in the summer.

Space may be limited so we cannot guarantee that all material that is submitted will be published. We reserve the right to make editorial revisions.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

As of January 1, 1983, all members are entitled to a 10% discount on all Museum Shop merchandise when you present your membership card. We will be mailing membership cards to all members in January. Please save your card!

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

LIFE Edna Haarstick (change from Annual)

ANNUAL Ronald Affolter

Michael Bienapfl

Karen Mesrobian

Denise Schmidt

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## MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO

Midge Conway

Marg Grosz

Aletha Laurisch

Adeline Lyons

Earle Wigley

Eldor Winge

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## THANK YOU

A special thanks goes to the ladies who have been quilting on the County Quilt at the Museum: Leona Bergemann, Cel Boesch, Inella Burns, Jan Green, Carolyn Harstad, Marg Lills, and Karen Quist.

## MEMBERSHIPS AND MONEY

The cost of an Annual Membership in the Historical Society is now \$10 per year.

Now is the time to renew your memberships! You can save us postage by sending your renewal before we send you a bill. Use the form below for your convenience.

Remember, Life Members need not send a renewal notice.

On the subject of money . . . Please remember our Endowment Fund. The amount is growing, slowly, and will become an important source of funds. The interest earned will be used in the general operating fund to pay for daily expenses and special programs. This is extremely important, especially as we work toward a new museum!

Remember, gifts beyond the regular membership are tax deductible.

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Yes, I wish to renew my membership.

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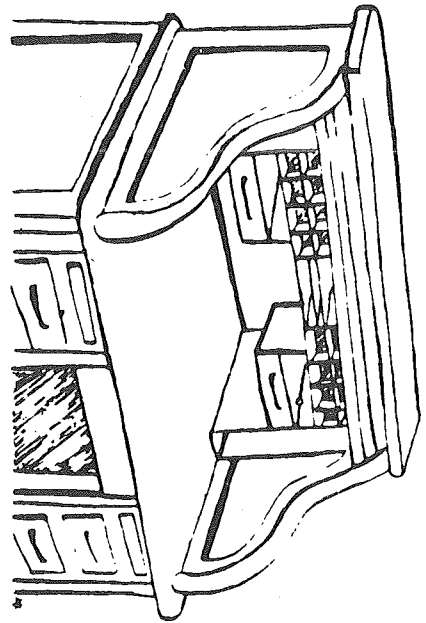
\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Life Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Annual Patron

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\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make a contribution to the Society's Endowment Fund beyond my membership fee for the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

## From the Director's Rolltop . . .



Greetings for the New Year! I would like to introduce myself, I am Denise Schmidt, your new Director. I have been in that position since December 1, when Marcia Schuster retired.

As many of you know, I was an intern with the Society during the months of June, July, and August, so I feel right at home in the Museum. Even though I am a native of Naperville, Illinois, I am no stranger to Minnesota. My mother's family originally settled in Goodhue County and moved into Rice, Steele, Waseca, and Blue Earth Counties. I am happy to call Blue Earth County home.

My educational training includes a B.A. in History from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. I have completed the degree requirements for an M.A. in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University, in Charleston, Illinois. I have been a guide at a historic house museum in Naperville, and have served internships at the Stephen Decatur House, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., and at the Waseca County Historical Society, this past fall. This training has focused on the management of all aspects of a county historical society.

I enjoy becoming involved in many activities and like to be kept busy. I relax by sewing, reading, and working on craft projects. I am also a photography buff. My areas of interest are ethnic studies (especially those involving my German and Scandinavian heritage), folk culture, American History from 1850-1900, architecture, and antiques. I am no expert, but am constantly learning.