

From the Director's Rolltop, cont.

for our files. This will be a valuable tool for genealogists.

Speaking of genealogy, I have received word of a newsletter, "Worthington Descendants" for those persons who may have connections with the Worthington family. Write to Frances Brengle, 6619 Pheasant Road, Route #16, Baltimore, MD 21220, for more information.

Did you know that April 16 begins the week which nationally recognizes volunteers? There will be a Volunteer Fair in the Downtown Mankato Mall to honor those persons who volunteer their time to various local community organizations. Look for details in the Media in the next couple of weeks.

In 1982, 536½ volunteer hours were worked at the Historical Society. The tasks included planting and upkeep of the Palmer Centennial Place; assistance in the Archives cataloging obituaries; and curatorial care of the collections; plus other jobs. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered!!

I would like to expand upon the note in this newsletter about adding to the Society's collections. We have so little information (newspaper items, photos, artifacts) from many areas out in the county. We are a county Society and should have items that represent the entire area which we serve. The only way we add to our collections is by donations of items. If you, or someone you know, have items which may be appropriate to preserve, call the museum and let us know about them. Our responsibility is to preserve the history of the county and to tell its story. Help us to tell the complete story of the entire county from its beginnings to today. Once things of historic value are destroyed, they can never be replaced.

See you at the Annual Meeting, April 20!!!

Peace,

Denise

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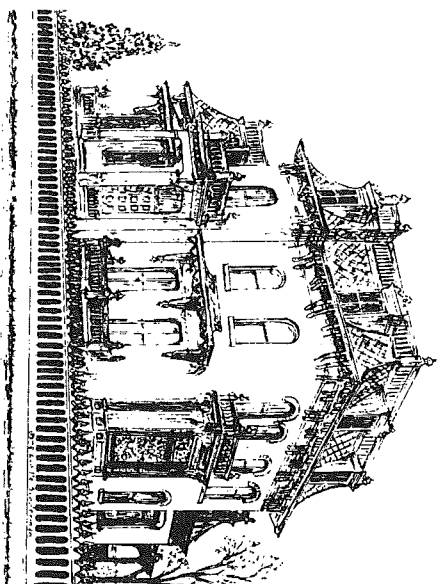
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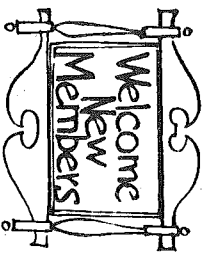
Spring Cleaning?

Remember the Historical Society. Our collections are rather sparse from the 1930's to the present. A few items on our wish list:

- early electrical appliances
- designer jeans
- 1950's "poodle" skirt
- bib overalls
- advertising "gadgets"
- photographs (preferably identified)
- Maudie Hart Lovelace books
- (we would like a complete set!!)
- published histories of the adjoining counties
- family histories

Much, more more. All items should pertain to Blue Earth County. The only items and information we have are those that are given to us. We do not have the space to accept everything, but we can take some things. Please help us to preserve the past of this wonderful county.

"When in doubt, don't throw it out, call us instead."



Life Audrey Hicks (change from Annual)

Donna Jean Sharp

Evelyn Weisgram (change from Annual)

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Mrs. Ben Geurs

Bruce Korth

Robert Lloyd

R.D. Zehnder

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Memorials Have Been Received To

Gertrude A. Kiffe

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Reminder . . .

Those members who have received bills for membership dues and have not paid, please send in your payment for 1983! This will be the last newsletter sent to those who do not renew. We do not want to lose you!

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A new addition . . . Thanks to Emma Wiecking for helping us acquire a used electric typewriter for the Director's Office.

Mark Your Calendars!!

April 20th is the date set for the Annual Meeting of the Blue Earth County Historical Society. Registration materials will be in the mail soon. We hope to see you all there!!

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Authors, where are you?

We have ideas for articles for the magazine but do not have any manuscripts. Please, we need you to write in order to publish the magazine. For ideas or information, call the museum.

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Members should have received your cards by now. If you are a current member, have paid through 1983, and do not have your membership card, call the museum so that one can be sent to you. Do not forget that you are entitled to a 10% discount in the Museum Shop when you present your card.

Equipment Wish List . . .

(These are our "some day" items)

Microfilm Reader/Printer

Acid-Free Records Storage Boxes

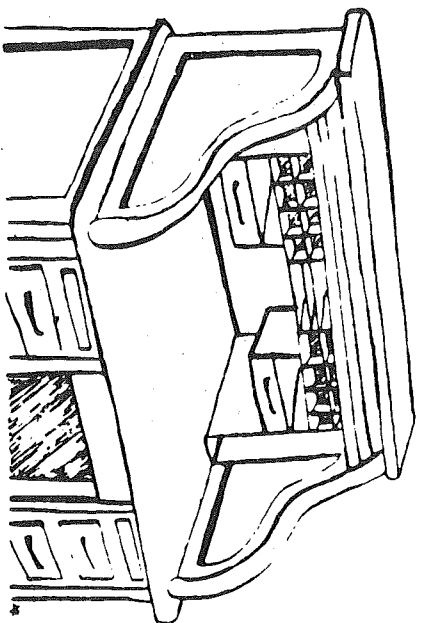
Flat Storage Cabinet for Maps, Prints, and

Textiles

Metal Cabinets for 3x5 cards.

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Denise Schmidt

The year has gotten off to a busy and productive start. I only hope we can continue in the same manner for the rest of the year! January was marked as a time to evaluate the present storage areas and see if we could find more useable space. Mondays were spent reorganizing the third floor. The task was tiresome but we completed the job the first week of February. I am grateful for the assistance of Audrey Hicks and Karen Mesrobian who worked above and beyond the call of duty.

The Valentine's exhibit, which ran during the month of February, was a success. Quite a few visitors came to the museum specifically to see it. The display was replaced by "Women's Work", an exhibit which made its debut during Women's History Week (March 6-12). It will be up until the end of April.

The Blue Earth County Historical Society and the Traverse Des Sioux Genealogical Society are working with the Genealogical Society of Utah on a project to microfilm records of vital statistics (birth, death, marriage, etc.). Volunteers will be canvassing the county contacting churches and cemetery associations to locate records and obtain permission to film them. The Historical Society will receive a copy of these films at no charge

