

From the Director's Rolltop, cont.

rapid once all the plantings arrive.

The Microfilming Project of the Genealogical Society of Utah (with the BECHS and the Traverse des Sioux Genealogical Society) is underway in the County. The final training session was held on May 5th. If you were unable to attend that meeting or have just decided you would like to help, call the Museum for more information. There is enough work for many people to become involved. Also, if you know of any records which may not be known to others, call us, we would like to locate all records containing vital statistics (birth, death, marriage, etc.).

I would like to invite all members to encourage friends to become members of the BECHS. We need to build the membership roster, as the members are the backbone of the organization. There are still areas in the County where there are no members. Remember that we are all dedicated to the preservation of the fine history of Blue Earth County.

One final word to members or anyone interested in our activities. If you have ideas for, (or would like to work at) programs, events, anything, please let us know. We want to continue to make this your Historical Society.

Denise

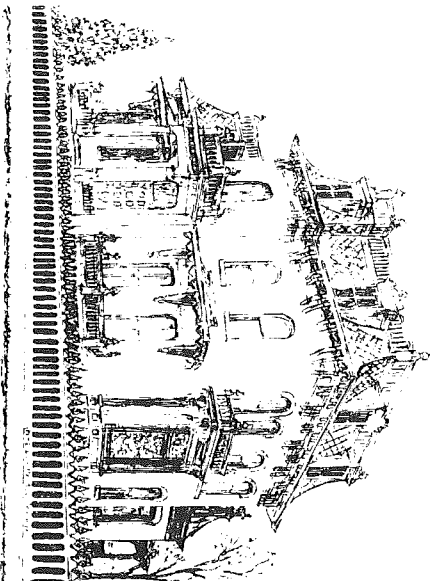
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Annual Meeting Summary

Forty-four persons attended the Society Annual Meeting on April 20 at the Junction Inn.

The Business Meeting was conducted by Ernest Hansen, President. The changes to the By-Laws (mailed with the notice of the Annual Meeting) were accepted unanimously. The slate of Officers and Trustees were elected unanimously.

William Maher was the featured speaker. He presented a very interesting program on Public Land Surveys. He began with a general history of the Public Land Survey system and progressed to the history of surveying in Blue Earth County. He used graphics and examples of surveyors' instruments to illustrate the topic.

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"The County Attic"

A new exhibit will be on display beginning May 18 (International Museum Day and Blue Earth County Museum Day) at the Museum. Featured will be unusual artifacts donated over the years which can be described as curiosities. These unique items provide a picture not necessarily of what life was like "back then" but what our predecessors thought important enough to preserve at the Historical Society Museum.

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Gymanfa in the Woods

A Gymanfa Gannu (Welsh hymn sing) has been scheduled for June 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jones-Roberts Farmstead, Judson Township. The Gymanfa will be led by Jane Roberts in the tradition of the **Big Meetings** held at the site by the Welsh churches. The farmstead, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is now the home of Irwin and Margaret Williams.

Those attending are asked to bring a folding chair on which to sit. For those who wish to arrive early (1:00 p.m. or so) you are invited to bring a lunch and have a picnic.

Let us hope for fair weather for this special event!

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Welcome to New Members

Life: Carol Hannick (Change from Annual)

Mr. & Mrs. Lester M. Hewitt (Change from Annual)

Annual: Anthony Zaragoza

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A Memorial has been received to Mrs. Lucas.

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The Annual Financial Report is available at the Museum for those who are interested. Stop in and pick one up or call and one will be mailed to you.

Calendar of Events

May 11	Minn. Statehood Day, 125 Years
May 18	International Museum Day Blue Earth County Museum Day "The County Attic" Exhibit Opens
June 12	Gymanfa Gannu, Williams Farmstead
June 26	"Old Timers' Day", Madison Lake
July 3	125th Anniversary, First Baptist Church Garden City
July 3-10	Bend of the River Days
July 4	Independence Day
Aug. 11-14	Blue Earth County Fair, Garden City

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Attention All Members!

We are in the process of reorganizing the Costume and Textile storage facilities. We are in need of **cardboard tubes from paper towel rolls and hangers.**

We are also planning an exhibit of hats. We are in need of 2 lbs. coffee cans to be used as a base on which to display them.

Please save these items and bring them to the Museum.

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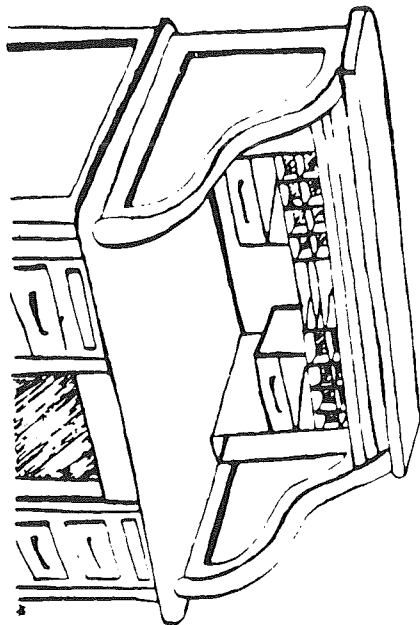
Please remember to notify us of any change of name or address. We must pay return postage for every newsletter that must be forwarded.

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Memberships make great gifts - Graduation, Father's Day, Birthday, Wedding - - for any special occasion.



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Denise Schmidt

Spring is definitely upon us. After a long and unusual winter it is a pleasure to see buds on trees and flowers beginning to bloom.

A sure sign of spring at the Museum is the steady stream of school tours. I truly enjoy the comments that I hear from my office. The most common phrases are: "You gotta see this!", "Wow! come over here", or even a simple, "Hey, neat!" It is one thing to read about the past in books and quite another to see a piece of the past in person.

I think the group that remains in my mind was a group of high school students from St. Clair who came to learn about the Society Archives. They were very impressed that we would be so interested in **their** town. The instructor had a hard time getting the group together to leave. They all wanted to find out one more bit of information or see just one more thing.

I have just returned from the Annual Meeting of Minnesota Historical Organizations sponsored by the Field Services Department of the Minnesota Historical Society. The meeting was very worthwhile. I brought back many ideas both from the sessions and talking with representatives of other historical organizations. The most positive outcome of meetings like this is being able to share common concerns with others in the same situation.

The work has begun on completing the Palmer Centennial Place. When the garden addition is completed there will be roses and other plantings to the rear of the outdoor room and an herb garden to the rear of the Carriage House. Progress should be