

Old Millwheels

Newsletters for the City of Minnetonka Historical Society

1978 - 1998



AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS is just around the corner and the Burwell House is being readied for the Christmas festivities. The Historical Society will again be host to the City Employees, Council and Park Board for a coffee and open house on Friday, December 15, 9:30 to 11:30am.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY will be an Open House for members and friends at the Burwell House the following day, Saturday, December 16, 1:30 to 3:30pm. Come for refreshments, Christmas fellowship, and at the same time see the progress being made on the house.

The Burwell house has been closed to tours for the fall season due to the mechanical/electrical work. However, while the house is in order for the Christmas Season, two tours have been scheduled. Florence Bogle will host a guided tour for a group of children from Groveland School on December 13th, and on Sunday afternoon the 17th of December, the Minnesota Society of Architectural Historians will be given a tour.

OF NOTE: A 2 x 4 removed from a later partition in the basement has "C. H. Burwell, Minnetonka Mills" stenciled on it.

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December 3, 1978

MANY THANKS to Lucy Haugen for the many diligent hours spent as curator. Her efforts have helped immeasurably in putting the Society's records in order.

Betty Johnson will be the new curator and will concentrate her efforts cataloging the manuscripts, documents and photographs.

A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be published in January and we would like to include everyone in it. If you have not already sent in your membership dues for 1979, may we remind you to do so before January 1. Types of memberships and amounts are:

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| Individual | \$ 4.00 |
| Family (husband and wife) | 6.00 |
| Senior Citizen (individual) | 2.00 |
| Sustaining Member | 25.00 |
| Contributing Member | 100.00 |

Make your checks payable to the Minnetonka Historical Society and send to:

Minnetonka Historical Society
c/o Lovell Richie, Treasurer
16318 S. Temple Drive
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(For those who joined at the 1978 Ice Cream Social or City Festival, membership extends to October 1979.)

MINNETONKA COMMUNITY SERVICES will sponsor a five session workshop on "Roots" beginning January 24, 1979, led by Jim Fogarty and Nick Duff. Between ten and twenty persons are needed to enable the workshop to proceed. This is an opportunity to learn how to use official records and discover your own roots. If interested, please call Les Smith, for further information. Phone: 938-8157

A CHECK in the amount of \$750.00 has just been received from the Ridgedale Center. This is money collected from the central court fountain at Ridgedale over the past year. Dennis Albrecht, Ridgedale Center Manager, in his letter accompanying the check, wrote, "In this era of 'progress' with all its new highways and high rise buildings, it is important to look back and preserve as much of our heritage as possible". This is a most welcome addition to the Restoration Fund.

THE HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE has been busy locating and researching old buildings in the City of Minnetonka. If you know of a building or a site which is significant to the history of Minnetonka, please contact Art Johnson, chairman, and share this knowledge with him. (543-6924) Their research has located a picture of the house at 11907 Cedar Lake Road as it appeared when built in the late 1870s. Surprisingly, this residence looked very much like the Burwell House. Was it built by the same contractor?

GARLAND AND CHRISTMAS Throughout December the Alexander Ramsey House is filled with the aromas of traditional ethnic cooking, and the Burbank-Livingston-Griggs House is festooned with garlands created for each period room. Reservations for house events and tours are required for groups of more than 15 and an admission fee of \$1.00 is charged to persons over 16.

December 8/Friday/7:00-9:30pm; repeated December 15.

Caroling, refreshments, and performances by bell ringers highlight these two evenings of special Christmas activities at the Alexander Ramsey and Burbank-Livingston-Griggs houses.

December 10/Sunday/1:00-4:30pm; repeated December 17.

Refreshments are served at the Burbank Livingston-Griggs House during a reading of Clement Moore's "'Twas the Night before Christmas." Special music is performed at the Alexander Ramsey House.

For further information call either the Ramsey House or the Burbank-Livingston-Griggs House.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

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MONTGOMERY WARD AND
COMPANY'S CATALOGUE,
SPRING-SUMMER, 1895

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February 13, 1979

FEBRUARY MEETING - Tuesday, February 20th, 7:30pm, Minnetonka City Hall Community Room.

Mr. Nicholas Westbrook from the Educational Service, Minnesota Historical Society, will present "The History of 'Mail Order' in Minnesota". A two screen slide presentation will trace the development of the mail order business from its development through the turn of the century.

At the turn of the century mail-order catalogs were bringing new ideas, new objects, and new desires into American homes. In their imaginations, people tried on new hats and tested new plows as they pored over the catalog pages. Come and learn of some of the ways in which mail-order catalogs and mail-order goods changed the lives of Minnesotans.

Bring friends, relatives and neighbors. Refreshments will be served following the program.

THE 1979 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be available at the February meeting. Directories not picked up that night will be mailed to members.

THE BURWELL HOUSE will remain closed to tours through the month of February. The mechanical/electrical work is almost completed, and cleanup will begin in March. If you can help, please call Dave Rasche, 933-3233.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - It is hard to think of ice cream in this cold weather, but planning will begin soon. If you would like to be a member of the Ice Cream Social Committee, please call Doris Rasche, 933-3233.

ART OF NORWAY, the largest selection of works of art ever lent by the Norwegian government to a foreign country, will be on view at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts from February 18 through April 1. Folk arts featured include painted and carved furniture, utensils and tapestries. Paintings by twenty-seven artists range from early 19th century landscapes to expressive modernists works by Edvard Munch. Applied arts demonstrate the Norwegian influence on international styles in silver, enamel, ceramics and weavings. Plan a visit.

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April 5, 1979

APRIL MEETING - Tuesday, April 17,
7:30pm, Minnetonka City Hall Com-
munity Room.

The Historic Sites Committee will share with us the serious and the humorous side of surveying the City of Minnetonka. They have dug through files, viewed microfilm records, located and photographed structures appearing on old maps, interviewed property owners and more.

This will be a marvelous opportunity for us to learn more about the history of Minnetonka and its' early citizens.

Come and bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the program.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Save Saturday, June 23
for the Ice Cream Social! We have a committee and planning will be under-
way soon.

BURWELL HOUSE - The completion of the mechanical/electrical work has been delayed. The joist under the parlor are in need of re-enforcement due to dry rot and insect damage, thus the heating ducts cannot be installed in this area. We need a contractor or carpenter who would be willing to do the work without delay! If you know of someone, contact Dave Rasche, 933-3233.

MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL - In order to meet the requirements of the Metro-
politan Council Comprehensive Plan for 1980, the City Council approved hiring Jeffrey Hess on a short term basis. Jeffrey Hess, a professional historian, will serve as a principal coordinator, reseacher, and historical consultant to the City of Minnetonka and the Minnetonka Historical Society. He will, with the help of the Historic Sites Committee, and other interested Society members, coordinate a field survey of the City of Minnetonka. The goal for this survey is to provide:

1. a brief historical and archi-
tectural overview of the City
of Minnetonka, with emphasis
on the period of 1850 to 1930.
2. an inventory of all signifi-
cant buildings, structures,
and sites identified by the
survey, with recommendations
for the interpretation and
preservation of Minnetonka's
architectural and historical
heritage.

Many thanks to Dick Bloom and Barry Johnson, City Planning Department, for their support in making this a reality.

If you would be interested in working with the Historic Sites Committee and Jeff Hess in this exciting undertaking, please call Art Johnson, 545-6924.



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THE MINNESOTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MAS is a lay group of men and women who seek a better appreciation of the present, especially of the American Indian, through communion with the past. It is a stimulating, enthusiastic and dedicated group that go as far as the interest of its members take it.

The Society attracts all kinds of people, from professional archaeologists and anthropologists to those who offer no more than a lively interest in Minnesota's prehistoric past and the early history of the Upper Midwest. MAS meets from September through June on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in Building 25 at Fort Snelling and begin at 8pm.

For further information, call Minnesota Archaeological Society at 726-1630.

MINNETONKA COMMUNITY SERVICES is looking for men and women of grand parent age to participate in "Citizen Share Day" at the Groveland Elementary School on Thurs., May 24. They need people to demonstrate crafts such as quilting, rug hooking, spinning, rosemaling, woodcarving, watercolors/sketching and inventions. Also, story tellers who can recall school days of 50 years ago, the depression, the dust bowl era. If you would be interested in being a part of this event, please call Jo Ann Kvern between 8:30am - 12:30pm at 474-5401. Hobbies other than listed are also welcome.

THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY has the following historic tours scheduled for 1979:

- May 26 - Mississippi River Towns
- June 4-16 - Alaska and the Yukon
- June 29 - July 1 - Wisconsin Ethnic Heritage
- July 28-30 - Historic Sites In Northern Minnesota
- Sept.-Oct. - Europe's National Museums

For further information call Joyce Garchasky, Tour Secretary at 726-9016.

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NEWS LETTER - SEPTEMBER 10, 1979

ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK SUPPER

Tuesday, October 16, 6:00pm, Minnetonka City Hall Community Room.

Bring your own table service and a hot dish, salad, or dessert to serve eight. Beverage will be provided.

There will be a brief business meeting and election of officers. John Evans, Nominating Committee Chairman, Les Smith and Joanne Shaw spent many hours of calling to provide the following nominees: Margarie Bingham, Vice President and Program Chairwoman; Thomas Bredeson, Treasurer; Jana Thompson Recording Secretary; Robert St. Clair, Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Jerome, Director.

Following the business meeting, a program will be provided by the Minnesota Folklife Center. Mark your calendar!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL A GREAT SUCCESS - A very special thank you to the many Society members and friends who donated their time and talents this year. The success of the social is dependent upon the volunteers and their willingness to help the day of the social and to provide homemade ice cream and bake goods. An estimated crowd of 3,500 made for a very busy and profitable day. Net profits were \$2,820.94!

BURWELL HOUSE HEATING AND ELECTRICAL

The heating and electrical contractors have finally fulfilled their contracts. This has been a long drawn out project and we are happy to have it completed.

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - The Historic Sites Committee assisted by other society members, have spent many hours this summer surveying the City of Minnetonka for historic sites and structures which pre-date 1920. As part of the survey, information regarding the history of the sites was obtained from citizens and through research. Jeff Hess, historian retained by the City, has been co-ordinating the survey and will provide a report to the City Planning Department and to the Historical Society. Many thanks to those who have faithfully donated their time.

ART FAIR - Saturday, September 15, 10:00 am to 6:00pm, Burwell House Lawn.

Artists will be exhibiting and selling paintings, artist prints, batik, sculpture, ceramics, weaving, jewelry and photography. The house will be open for guided tours, and there will be music provided by Junior and Senior High ensembles in the afternoon. Homemade bake goods, coffee, lemonade, and honey will be for sale by the society. In the event of very poor weather, the fair will be held on Sunday. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day.

ACQUISITIONS - The following items were donated by Frances Kokesh and her son Lewis Kokesh, Jr.:

1. Ackins crosscut tree saw, patent date 1875
2. Distin large two man lumberman's saw.
3. Log roller/Columbus Handle Co., Columbus, Indiana
4. Large cast iron hay hook.
5. Hay knife.
6. Two Horse neck yoke for a buggy.
7. Two Seemless grain sacks, Joseph Kurtz, Eden Prairie.

How fortunate we are to have people like the Kokesh family who have saved artifacts for future generations to see.

MINNESOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY CONFERENCE

Friday, 7:30-9:30pm, Capitol Building, St. Paul; Saturday, 8:00am-10:00pm, Holiday Inn Central, Minneapolis.

The society's annual meeting at the State Capitol on Friday evening is followed by refreshments and entertainment. Saturday's history conference focuses on twentieth-century Minnesota history; the luncheon speaker is Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Saturday evening's program features the first showing of a videotape produced by MHS and KSTP-TV documenting the development of television in Minnesota. For registration and further information call 726-1171

FOOD ON THE FRONTIER

The following instructions and recipes for bread are from:
"Food on the Frontier, Minnesota Cooking from 1850 to 1900", by
Marjorie Kreidberg.

A simple bread recipe for "six medium sized loaves" was written down by a woman for her church's cookbook. It told readers to "take four quarts of sifted flour, a teaspoon salt, and one cup yeast. Mix with warm water until stiff enough to knead. Work well fifteen minutes, and let it stand in a warm place overnight. In the morning knead again, and make into loaves. Bake as soon as light, in a moderate oven."

A variation on white bread was "Minnesota Rolls." "Rub one-half table-spoon of lard into one quart of flour," the recipe read, "make a well in the middle, put in one-half cup baker's yeast - or one cup of homemade - two tea-spoons sugar, one-half pint cold boiled milk; do not stir, but let stand over night; in the morning knead well, after dinner [the midday meal] knead again, cut out, put in pans, and let rise until tea time. Bake in a quick oven."

MORE EXCERPTS FROM THE ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

"Charles Phillips was an early settler out here - at the corner of Tonkawood Road and Lake Street Extension. When Mr. Phillips was called to fight in the Civil War, his wife didn't want to stay here by herself so they gave the few animals they had to the Indians and she went to her home back east. Mr. Phillips returned after the close of the war and they resettled the land. The site where the present Minnetonka East Junior High School is situated was an Indian Settlement."

from an interview with Loren Simer
interviewed by Barbara Johnson

"In the early 1920's, which was after the hey day of Minnetonka (Lake Resorts), there were two general transportation routes to get to Minnetonka in addition to the automobile. One was to take the train from the Great Northern Station at the foot of Hennepin in Minneapolis. And the train ran every 40 minutes during the day and every 20 minutes during rush hours. From Minneapolis to Mound. We would take the train from Minneapolis to Navarre, get off at the station and walk about two blocks west to my grandfather's farm, which is now the drive in theater in Navarre. The other way to get from Lake Minnetonka to Minneapolis was via streetcar boats. We would hike down to Spring Park, to the big dock at the Pavillion, and catch a streetcar boat to Tonka Bay. At Tonka Bay we would catch a street car ride in Minneapolis - which came in eventually on 44th and Upton, and down 44th Street, through the present hobby streetcar tracks by Lakewood Cemetery, across 31st Street, and then down to Hennepin into Minneapolis."

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE (look for a report on one historic site in each newsletter)

Jean Raymond home - 12716 Minnetonka Boulevard

This house was built in 1853 and was an early hotel. It was used as a hotel until 1892 when it was owned and occupied by Nels Smith as a family dwelling.

The building originally stood west of Baker Road and south of Minnetonka Boulevard, and was built of lumber from the first sawmill. As a hotel it housed many people whose names are familiar in Minnetonka history such as Hezekiah Atwood who built the first furniture factory here, and Calvin Tuttle, the first treasurer of Minnesota territory and part owner of the sawmill. It was the social center for dances and parties for young people in the early 1860's. In 1869 Tom Peridins lived in the hotel while building the flour mill on the site of the sawmill. The Charles Burwell family also lived in the hotel before their home was built.

In 1892 the house was sold by Nels Smith to Christ Greeley, who moved it to its present site. In 1916 it was purchased by Edgar Batterton where he and his wife (Mrs. Raymond now) and daughter lived. Mrs. Raymond continues to live in the house.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE (exerpts from tapes our oral history group has made)

"Cutting ice on Shady Oak for storage at the Ice House was a run of the mill event until one or two of the teamster's horses fell through the ice. Then it was touch and go, followed by a brisk rubdown for the unfortunate horse or horses. Krautkraemers Fuel and Ice Co. conducted their own operations on the lake."

"Grasshoppers or locusts claimed a large portion of the grain crop one year. Grandpa Kinsel contrived a two-wheeled cart with a sheet iron flat bed smeared with a heavy coating of tar. He wheeled the mechanism through the grain fields with hopes of salvaging part of the grain crop from the hungry "hoppers."

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 26, 1983

RICHARD OLSENIUS TO SPEAK AT APRIL 12 GENERAL MEETING

You will be treated to a truly memorable evening on April 12 at the general meeting of the Minnetonka Historical Society. All members and their friends are invited to come to the Community Room in Minnetonka City Hall at 7:30 pm to hear Richard Olsenius. (Note - the date given in the last newsletter was incorrect. Make the correction on your calendar.) Olsenius is a Wayzata writer and photographer whose book, the Minnesota Travel Companion, is receiving many positive reviews.

His recently released film "Autumn Passages" has also won awards at international film festivals.

The idea for the Minnesota Travel Companion came from Olsenius's years of driving the Minnesota highways covering stories for the Minneapolis Tribune. This book, which contains the history and anecdotes of the towns and countryside along Minnesota's major highways, is meant to entertain and inform the Minnesota traveler.

MINNESOTA TRAVEL COMPANION

A Guide To The History Along Minnesota's Highways

By Richard Olsenius

Book Design by Author

HELP ! I ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Would each of you ask at least one friend, neighbor or relative to join our society? An informational brochure and application is enclosed in this newsletter. If you need more of these, call Les Smith, 938-8157.

Think of all those people who are not members of our society. They are missing these interesting, newsy memos and are missing the chance to learn more about their own community. They may not be aware of the exciting opportunities to be a part of gathering and preserving the history of our area.

CARGILL NEWSLETTER FEATURES SOCIETY

The February 4, 1983 issue of The Exchange, the Cargill newsletter for Twin City employees, featured the Minnetonka Historical Society. The entire front page presented a picture of the Burwell House. And an article included a picture and information on the quilters, those members and friends who have finished the 48 block quilt which will be raffeled at the Ice Cream Social on June 25.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

WORK UNDERWAY FOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, June 25, 1983

Plans for the "Burwell Centennial Ice Cream Social" are well under way. A number of special activities are in the planning stages. We hope they will add more interest and make our social even more festive.

The first planning session was called by general coordinator Jim Nelson on March 17. (Jim is also president of the society.) Here are some of those who have volunteered to help coordinate this year's social:

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| Betty Richie | Pies |
| Dale Hedlund | Ice Cream and Cones |
| Dave Mundahl | Hotdogs |
| Florence Bogle | Donuts |
| Lovell Richie | Popcorn |
| Joy Smith | Candy |
| Audrey Nicol | Baked Goods |
| Dick & Ardelle Daly | Beverages |
| Dave and Doris Rache | House tours |
| Les Smith | Membership |
| Shirley Hermeling | Tickets |
| Jack Bogle | Balloons |
| Art Nicol | Treasurer |
| Joan Shaw | Publicity |
| Bernie & Honor Petrosky | Signs and Decorations |
| Marie Henry | Flea Market |
| Dave Ringstad | Crafts and Demonstrations |
| John Evans | Entertainment |
| Betty Johnson | City/Community/Bus/ Emergency Coordinator |
| Art & Esther Johnson | Gift Table |
| Anne Nelson | Quilt and Quilt Raffle |
| Kermit Steensland | Supply Coordinator |

QUILTERS FINISH PROJECT - RAFFLE TICKETS

NOW BEING SOLD

Twenty-one members and friends of the society have contributed some 1,000 hours of work under the guidance of master-quilter Adele Kimpel to complete the 48 block quilt which will be raffeled at the Ice Cream Social. Here are the names of the quilters and the patterns they have contributed:

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| Lois Benson | Degota's Dream |
| Sandy Dignen | Castles in the Air |
| Sharon Gray | Flying Swallows |
| Lois Hedlund | Grandmother's Pieced Tulip |
| Julie Johnson | Naomi's Favorite |
| Adele Kimpel | Kissing Bluebirds |
| | Night and Day |
| | North Wind |
| | Fish Block |
| | Helen's Star |
| | Grandmother's Flower Garden |
| | Noon and Night |
| | Steps to the Alter |
| | Cornucopia |
| | Oak Leaf and Cherries |
| | Star within a Star |
| Jeanne Krisnik | Rolling Star |
| Anne Nelson | Bridal Bouquet |
| Karen Nelson | Card Trick |
| Nancy Nelson | Grandma's Tulip |
| Joe Nelson | Christmas Star |
| | Eternal Triangle |
| | Diamond Star |
| | Lemon Star |
| | Dutchman's Puzzle |
| | World's Fair |
| Betty Richie | May Basket |
| Ann Selva | Love Knot |
| Margaret Scheirer | High Noon |
| Joy Smith | Appliqued Tulip |
| Mary Ellen Swanson | Mrs. Morgan's Choice |
| Joyce Tabor | Mexican Star |
| Cecilia Thompson | Adele's Appliqued Hearts |
| Barbara Verhey | Fool's Square |
| | Fifty-Four Forty or Fight |
| | Bachelor's Puzzle |
| | Miss Jackson |
| | Honey Bee |
| | Bow Ties |
| | Chinese Puzzle |
| | Spider Web |
| | Dresden Plate |
| | Pine Tree |
| | Tall Pine |
| | Tree of Life |
| | Stepping Stones |
| | Helen's Crown |
| | Adele's Tulip |

(Many members are planning to make or acquire costumes typical of the 1880 period to wear during our Burwell House Centennial activities this summer. The following helpful information on costuming is furnished by Shirley Clausen.)

REPRODUCTION COSTUMING - MID 1880'S

GENERAL:

A DRESS of this era would typically be two piece 1- a high-necked (collar or frill) bodice with straight full or 3/4 length sleeves, a natural shoulderline with a tight sleeve cap and 2- a skirt with back fullness (bustle in fashion garment).

MEN'S SHIRTS would have high collar (dress), small collar or only collar band (work); natural or slightly dropped shoulderline with standard set-in sleeve (no drop shoulders with gathered sleeve a la "pioneer shirts"). Most typically front placket button closure from neck to mid chest. Vests -- see Folkwear patterns for Victorian vests.

WOMEN'S EVERYDAY OR WORK CLOTHING:

FABRIC - suggest cottons in deep solid colors or dark prints (Calico prints are safe but cliched; true colors are most likely to be correct, i.e. blue or green, not turquoise). 100% cotton with no wrinkle treatment is ideal.

LINES - reflect fashion silhouette, but with simplified lines and trims. Think practical adaptation (sleeves that can be rolled up) and color. Work dress would typically include an apron in a solid color or woven check; white aprons for serving or company.

MEN'S EVERYDAY OR WORK CLOTHING:

FABRIC - suggest cottons in solid colors or dark geometric print (chambray solid good). 100% cotton with no wrinkle treatment is ideal.

LINES - shirts see above; dark trousers, no cuff or crease.

WOMEN'S FASHION CLOTHING:

FABRIC - from cottons to silk and linen looks; colors from white through color range to black. Solids, perhaps using more than one color, are safest choice.

LINES - see general, plus: bodice - front closure, fitted and extending over hips possibly forming peak at center front. Skirt line has flat front with high bustle. Typically fabric is draped at hips with fullness pulled toward back. Pleated self-fabric trims and ruffles common.

MEN'S FASHION CLOTHING:

FABRIC - shirts in white cotton; dark colored wool-look or light colored linen-look trousers; see vests above; suits.

RESOURCES

FOLKWEAR: pattern Victorian vest and Victorian shirt.
Pattern for Schoolmistress' shirtwaist and skirt could be adapted to mid '80s look (see lines above -- do NOT use gathered sleeve cap as pattern shows). - Depth of Field, Ridgedale, \$4-5.

PATTERNS OF HISTORY: 1876 & 1881 dress patterns - State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706. Sz. 10, 12, 14; \$10.00. Authentic and very complex patterns requiring a great deal of fabric, skill and time to construct. Not recommended for beginners!

COSTUMIER: Peg Wiklund, 881-3876, fee based on project. Work must be done soon, for she has spring commitments.

QUESTIONS? Shirley Clausen 473-6367.

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Day Dress with Polonaise
1870's



Day Dress 1880's

Patterns are \$7.50 each plus
38¢ for tax
75¢ for postage
Total amount is \$8.63.

Please state the pattern
and size you would like.
These 7 patterns are from
the Calio Series.

Pattern sizes are
8 - 10 - 12 - 14 - 16

1983
Ice Cream Social
Saturday, June 25, 1983
Summary/Comparison of Receipts

| <u>1982</u> | | <u>1983</u> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| \$4,870.00 | Ticket Sales at Social | \$4,292.00 |
| 240.00 | Gift Shop | 397.00 |
| 14.00 | Donation | -- |
| 448.00 | Flea Market (30 booths @ \$15.00) | 450.00 |
| -- | Memberships at Social | 57.00 |
| <u>\$5,572.00</u> | Subtotal | <u>\$5,196.00</u> |
| -- | Quilt Raffle (pre-sale \$956.00 at Social 538.00) | 1,494.00 |
| <u>\$5,572.00</u> | Total Receipts | <u>\$6,690.00</u> |
| | Less Quilt pre-sale | <u>-956.00</u> |
| <u>\$5,572.00</u> | Total Receipts Day of Social | <u>\$5,734.00</u> |

Dollars at Social:

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| 1983 - \$5,734.00 (includes quilt sales) |
| 1982 5,572.00 |
| 162.00 more in 1983 |

Total Dollars:

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|-----------------------|
| \$6,690.00-1983 |
| 5,572.00-1982 |
| 1,118.00 more in 1983 |

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| Comparison at Social without Membership and Quilt |
| \$5,139.00 - 1983 |
| \$5,572.00 - 1982 |
| -433.00 less in 1983 |

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AUGUST 30, 1985

ART FAIR TO BE SEPTEMBER 14

The annual Historical Society Art Fair will be held on the lawn of the Burwell house on Saturday, September 14, 1985. The opening time is 10:00 AM, and the fair will run until 5:00. Refreshments will be available and the Burwell House will be open for tours. Call Doris Rasche for information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL REPORT

We had another successful Ice Cream Social. On the second page you will find a report showing the financial picture for the 1985 Social, with comparison figures for the 1984 Social. At the "Ice Cream Social Wrap-up" meeting, concern was expressed about the declining profit and the need to review the Social for possible changes or additions that might improve our profit position. Dave Rodum, a member of the Board of Directors, has agreed to chair a task force to review, evaluate, and make recommendations about the Social. He plans to contact various people for their ideas. If you have thoughts or suggestions to offer, please call him at 473-9378.

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING- OCTOBER 8

Let's try for a large turn-out for the annual meeting. The program this year will be a one-man show by Jaden Donahue entitled "All the World's a Stage." The business meeting will include election of officers for 1985-6.

Place: Minnetonka City Hall
Community Room

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 1985

Time: 7:00 PM - Dessert and
refreshments

7:30 PM - Business Meeting

8:00 PM - Program

Please bring a dessert to share. Beverage will be provided. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

CURATOR/CATALOGER HIRED BY BOARD

The Board has approved the contract hiring Ms. Judith Payne as a cataloger/librarian to assist with the Society's curator activities. Ms. Payne will review our collection and will see that all items are correctly identified, numbered, recorded and stored properly. She plans to begin this task within the next month and will work on a regular, part-time basis for the next twelve to eighteen months. Ms. Payne is professionally trained and has a number of years of experience. We are pleased to welcome her.

MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

13209 McGINTY ROAD
MINNETONKA, MINNESOTA 55343

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

RECEIPTS

| | 1985 | 1984 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ticket sales; advance | \$ 325.00 | \$ 549.00 |
| Ticket sales on grounds | 3,880.04 | 4,050.45 |
| Quilt ticket sales | 1,089.00 | 1,078.00 |
| Flea Market dealer fees | 435.00 | 435.00 |
| Gift Shop sales | 178.90 | 311.80 |
| Bake good sales | 58.20 | |
| Miscellaneous sales | 16.00 | |
| | <u>\$ 5,982.14</u> | <u>\$ 6,429.25</u> |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Ice cream | \$ 390.25 | \$ 472.90 |
| Pies | 305.40 | 261.00 |
| Hot dogs, buns, charcoal, condiments | 208.49 | 194.93 |
| Paper products, plates, napkins, cups | 183.14 | 159.27 |
| Candy | 136.05 | 95.85 |
| Beverage supplies | 124.16 | 79.63 |
| Balloons | 114.78 | |
| Ice cream cones | 102.40 | 74.92 |
| Do nuts | 70.40 | |
| Watermelons | 34.91 | See hot dogs |
| Rentals: Tables | 53.00 | 34.61 |
| Roaster & grill | 48.25 | 48.76 |
| Popcorn machine | 25.00 | 68.35 (Includes |
| Coffee urn & cooler | 21.32 | Supplies) |
| Flea Market classified ads | 109.20 | 84.60 |
| Posters & flyers | 67.73 | 53.00 |
| Postage | 49.20 | 27.40 |
| Tickets & envelopes | 36.29 | |
| Sign materials | 21.23 | 26.26 |
| Publicity expenses | | 23.36 |
| Staples, plastic, tape | 15.04 | 11.50 (Plastic) |
| Shuttle bus | | 200.00 |
| Cash advance (Change) | 150.00 | 100.00 |
| Cash boxes | | 46.64 |
| Quilt material | 95.49 | 112.23 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 24.63 | |
| Tour booklets | 218.50 | |
| | <u>\$ 2,557.43</u> | <u>164.50</u> |
| Total receipts | \$ 5,982.14 | <u>\$ 2,339.71</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>2,557.43</u> | \$ 6,429.25 |
| Net profit to date | <u>\$ 3,424.71</u> | <u>2,339.71</u> |
| | (7/25/85) | <u>\$ 4,089.54</u> (8/20/84) |

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 1990

General Membership Spring Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 1990
7:30 P.M.
Minnetonka Community Church
13215 Minnetonka Drive
Minnetonka
(please enter from west door)

"What's Hot and What's Not in the Art and Antique Market"

by
Henry Swiggum

Mr. Swiggum is a local professional appraiser and antique dealer. He will evaluate the market for contemporary art, water colors, oriental rugs, French brasses and many other collectibles. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Special Program

Ellen Wilson Meyer will speak on
"Oral and Written History"
South Shore Senior Center, Room 110,
441 Oak Street, Excelsior,
Friday, May 11, 12:30 p.m.

Remember to Pay Your 1990 Dues

A list of current Society members is being prepared. If you have not yet paid your dues for 1990, please remit to Minnetonka Historical Society, 13209 E. McGinty Rd., Minnetonka 55343.

Ice Cream Social is June 23

Mark your calendar to attend and help with the annual Ice Cream Social. If you would like to help with a particular section, please call Roberta Seefeldt, President, 934-9630. Otherwise you will be called!

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| Individual | \$ 8.00 |
| Family | 15.00 |
| Student | 5.00 |
| Senior | 5.00 |
| Contributor | 25.00 |
| Sponsor | 50.00 |
| Benefactor | 100.00 |

The Kinsel House in Glen Lake

The Kinsel House was home to Frank and Annie (Polasek) Kinsel. Frank Kinsel owned and operated two brickyards, one just north of Highway 7 near Shady Oak Road and the other south of "the lake." Research is underway to determine which lake this was.

Kinsel built his log home at Glen lake and later, about 1883, faced it with bricks made of Wilmatt Hill clay from the kilns of his brickyards.

The house remains on its original site just south of County Road #3 and west of Kinsel Road on the eastern edge of "downtown Glen Lake." Most people passing by probably are not aware of this building which is part of the heritage of our area.

The "little red brick house" is about 115 years old and deteriorating. It is owned by Mason Homes. The firm uses it for storage but plans to erect a new storage facility on the site of the house.

Mason Homes would like to see the house preserved, and, if possible, put to some use on another site, provided it can be moved. If moving the house is impossible, Mason Homes believes the old bricks should be salvaged.

The company has contacted the Minnetonka Historical Society for help in determining the future of the house.

Are you interested in helping with this project? We hope that descendants of the Kinsel family as well as members of other early families from the area might join in this effort which could lead to preservation of an early example of Minnetonka architecture.

Please pass along your comments and suggestions!

ROBERT AND BETTY JOHNSON.
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NEWSLETTER OF THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 19, 1995

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JUNE 24

THANKS TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR FOOD SERVICE OR HOUSE TOUR PARTICIPATION--THERE WOULD NOT BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITHOUT YOU. WE UNDERSTAND WHEN OTHER MEMBERS CANNOT PARTICIPATE AND APPRECIATE YOUR MEMBERSHIPS IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WE HAVE A HARPIST FOR THE HOUSE AND THE MINNETONKA CHAMBER SINGERS AND HOPKINS WESTWIND BAND FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. THE MEDICINE BAND SHOW WILL RETURN AND THE AMERICAN SWEDISH INSTITUTE FIDDLERS WILL PROVIDE THE ETHNIC HIGHLIGHT CONCERT TO FINISH THE DAY. THE GIFT SHOP WILL HAVE SWEDISH ITEMS FOR SALE, AS WELL AS LACE GOODS, CHURCH DOLLS, STATIONERY AND AREA HISTORY INFO. JANE HALLBERG WILL SELL AND AUTOGRAPH HER REVISED PRINTING OF MINNEHAHA CREEK.

NO ADVANCE TICKETS WERE MAILED THIS YEAR.

RECENT VISITORS

WE HAVE BEEN VISITED AT THE BURWELL HOUSE BY THE BUTTERFIELD AND ATWOOD DESCENDANTS. WE WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THEIR MEMORIES OF MINNETONKA HISTORY.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

BETTY JOHNSON'S SLIDE PRESENTATION ON OUR CITY'S HISTORY MINNETONKA THEN AND NOW HAS BEEN SHOWN ON CABLE TV AND IS AVAILABLE IN VIDEO FROM THE CITY OF MINNETONKA AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. BETTY IS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SERVED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND VOLUNTEERS WITH MANY MINNETONKA ASSOCIATIONS.

SCOTT MCGINNIS, HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORIAN, PROVIDED HIS SLIDE PRESENTATION ON ONGOING RESEARCH ON THE HISTORY OF MINNETONKA HOTELS. SCOTT WILL PUBLISH HIS BOOK ON THE HOTELS IN THE NEXT YEAR. THE VIDEO WILL AIR BRIEFLY ON CABLE.

AT OUR OCTOBER 19, 1995, ANNUAL MEETING, CHARLES NELSON, STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ARCHITECT, WILL TALK ABOUT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN MINNETONKA ARCHITECTURE AND LANDMARK RECOGNITION. THIS DOVETAILS WITH THE RECOGNITION PROGRAM ENDORSED BY THE CITY AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

THE ST CLOUD HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STATEWIDE REUSE EFFORTS OF BUILDINGS. ROCHESTER SEMINAR FOCUSED ON PRESERVATION OF ARTIFACTS AND LARGE ITEMS. CROW WING STATE PARK HOSTED A RESTORATION OF A 1830 FUR TRADER'S HOUSE. WE CAN USE THAT EXPERIENCE IN RESTORING THE LONE LAKE CABIN.

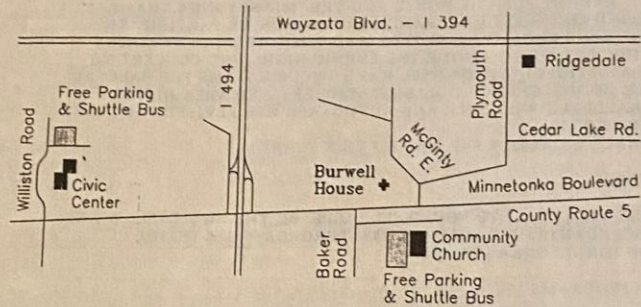
MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
twenty-fifth annual

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, June 24th

11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Burwell House Lawn



FOOD

Ice cream cones Apple pie squares
Brownies Coffee Soft Drinks
Hot dogs Brats Popcorn Candy

CONTINUING ALL DAY

Antique & Collectable Market Gift Shop
Self-guided Burwell House tours
Balloon sculpturing; Bubbles & Bells
19th Century craft demonstrations

ENTERTAINMENT

11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to Noon
Noon to 12:30 p.m.
12:30 - 1 p.m.
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Minnetonka Orchestral Chamber Singers
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THE MILL WHEEL
Newsletter of the City of Minnetonka
Historical Society

Winter, 1996

Happy New Year--1996! This should be an exciting year, with the Burwell restoration project resuming mid-summer. Parts of the grant specifications process and project plans have been delayed and have taken much longer than first anticipated.

Sub-committees between the Historical Society and City Community Resources Commission have begun. We encourage anyone who may be curious to learn more about being a part of the sub-committee process to call for more information. (Maxine Dickson 938-0901).

Topics being explored include:

- * Records and Artifacts
- * Burwell House Property
- * Education and Programs
- * Oral Histories.

Right now, the committees are forming a plan of activities to be performed through various volunteer and other means by brainstorming ideas and setting up project plans, including long range "wish lists" of exciting things to complete in bringing the Burwell family story and Minnetonka history to students and the community.

Ice Cream Social Date is Set...
for June 29, 1996, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars to plan to attend or help out with the event. The Burwell House may be closed to the public at that time, but we'll use the park grounds to continue our 26th annual event.

We'll again be asking members for help serving deserts, drinks, and popcorn; cooking hot dogs and brats; scooping ice cream, and directing visitors. Music, entertainment and surprises are planned. The Friends of the Minnetonka Library will present puppet shows and there is a possibility that the Minnetonka Orchestral Association will join the Madrigal singers. Candles will be a new item added for gift shop sales. We look forward as always to seeing our members at our fun event!!

Jane Hallberg will be helping to coordinate the Social this year. St. David's Episcopal Church group has volunteered their time for the event, too. We are in need of some additional help, too, with planning and set-up. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Maxine at 938-0901.

October General Meeting
Charles Nelson's presentation and slide-show on Minnetonka area architecture was a success. Members voted on our by-laws changes and held a short business meeting. Videotaped copies of the guest speaker's program are available to view.

1995 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
We had a successful open house again this year. Thank you to our MANY volunteers who contributed time by calling and scheduling members; baking and providing goodies and beverages; donating display items; setting-up the house; and participating as room attendants at the event. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of wonderful volunteers!

Entertainment was provided by the Minnetonka Chamber singers on December 10 and a harpist on December 3. Combined attendance was approximately 225 people--even though we had terribly cold weather the second weekend.

Records and Artifacts

A joint agreement was signed last year between the Historical Society Board and the City Community Resources Commission (the city's Special Projects Coordinator acts as a liaison). The reasoning behind the agreement was use of the Society's furniture, artifacts and materials to furnish, explain and interpret period living and area history at the Burwell House property. The Burwell House is owned by the City of Minnetonka. In addition, the continuing restoration of the Burwell House required Society input and community awareness of the plans to complete the work.

In an effort to step back in one area, the Board has decided to retain processing of our existing records and artifacts through our own work and resources. We will be researching and documenting the contents of the Society's boxes of materials stored at City Hall and elsewhere. Our donations, artifacts, and research materials lists will be verified and updated.

Dave Rodum will review the catalogs of materials he has available and outline pioneer families' information and Minnetonka area neighborhoods until his move to Atlanta. We thank him for his many contributions over the years.

If we are to continue to exist as a Society, it is essential that we maintain our own records; and preserve the property and history entrusted to our care.

We are currently working on the inventory of boxes stored at City Hall. Interested in helping? Call Maxine at 938-0901. Any amount of time commitment will be appreciated. The Society is seeking sufficient space to exhibit and work with donations, records, etc.

WANTED: To rent or purchase an adult-size clown costume to be used by the Society for Ice Cream Social. Call Maxine at 938-0901 if you have one to donate, loan, rent or sell--or know of another way to obtain a costume.

WELCOME to our New Members!

Joining in 1995:

Susan Adamek; Carol and Alan Bensman; Anne Brandvold; Daniel Duffy; Wynne Gray; Jane Hallberg; Anne Hanley; Elly Manion; Carol Nemitz; Amy Ryan; Lawayne and William Yaeger.

Thank you for your interest and support!

-- Dues Reminder --

1996 Memberships effective October 1995 to September 1996.

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| Individual | \$ 8.00 |
| Family | 15.00 |
| Sr. Citizen | 5.00 |
| Student | 5.00 |
| Contributor | 25.00 |
| Sponsor | 50.00 |
| Benefactor | 100.00 |

If you have not had a chance to renew your membership, please mail a check to treasurer Art Nicol at 2921 Bay Street, Wayzata, MN 55391-2802.

We appreciate your continued support and interest!

President's Note:

"Minnehaha Creek: Twenty-two Miles from Lake Minnetonka to the Falls" will be the topic of our Spring Historical Society Meeting taking place on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center Senior Dining Room.

Jane Hallberg, a society member and the author of "Minnehaha Creek" will narrate with Maxine Dickson the wonders of the river in our backyard. Well, during high water there is a strong current that capsizes canoes, anyway! Part history and part drama, we'll include the six mill locations along the creek; 121-year-old American Indian John Smith; the Minnetonka carver of the first bridge at Minnehaha Falls; provide the music and singing for Hiawatha's Melody of Love and By the Shores of Minnetonka; and Longfellow's poem Hiawatha. The slide presentation will be videotaped.

From our early Maytag on display:
Washing Machine donated by the John J. Feltl family, 5435 Feltl Road, Minnetonka.

This hand-powered washing machine was purchased about the year 1900, and was used to do the family washing for about 20 years until replaced by a gasoline operated Maytag and later by an electric powered machine.

The children of our family took turns to pull the machine back and forth in order to assist our mother with the kitchen washing chores.

I, Margaret E. Feltl, being the youngest of the children and in order to make my task of pulling the machine more enjoyable, pretended I was a conductor on the clean yellow street cars which came from Minneapolis to Hopkins and to Excelsior. I would sing the various street car stops such as Browndale, Brookside, Blake Station, and Hopkins. The street car conductor pulled the long wire overhead when passengers made their entry or exit as a signal for the Motor Man that the gates were closed.

Imitating a conductor, I pulled the iron which went into the gear and unfortunately lost my entire fingernail on my forefinger. The kind Hopkins pioneer physician Dr. G.W. Moore attended to my mishap. My singing stopped for a long time until months later when my finger was back to normal.

There was a moral to my tearful, painful experience and a lesson well learned early in life; that it is a good policy to be very careful when working with any machine.

July 7, 1973 --By Margaret E. Feltl

Spring is just around the corner!!

*Maxine
Dickson*

The Millwheel

Minnetonka Historical Society Newsletter

Fall 1998

BURWELL PARK GROUNDS
13209 E MC GINTY ROAD
MINNETONKA MN 55305
612 933 1611 OFFICE

GENERAL MEETING: OCTOBER 7, 1998 7PM WEDNESDAY
MINNETONKA COMMUNITY CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

"MAC MILLAN: THE AMERICAN GRAIN FAMILY"
(THE STORY OF THE CARGILL FAMILY)

PATRICIA CONDON JOHNSTON, PUBLISHER OF THE AFTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS AND BIOGRAPHER OF THE MAC MILLAN FAMILY, WILL SPEAK ON RESEARCHING, WRITING AND EDITING THE BOOK, AS WELL AS FAMILY STORIES. WE ARE HOPING FOR A SURPRISE VISITOR, ALSO.

THE AFTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS HAS ALSO PUBLISHED "A PLACE AT THE LAKE", BY PAUL LARSON, THE POPULAR BOOK ON MINNETONKA AND WHITE BEAR LAKE SUMMER HOMES. OTHER BOOK SUBJECTS INCLUDE SETH EASTMAN, NATIVE AMERICANS, STILLWATER AND AFTON, ARCHITECTURAL GEMS BY CLARENCE JOHNSTON, AND MANY OTHERS. THE PUBLISHING FIRM HAS BEEN GIVEN HIGH RECOGNITION BY LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS. THEIR NEWEST CHRISTMAS BOOK IS BY JON HASSLER. BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AUTOGRAPH AND SALE.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED, THERE IS NO CHARGE AND REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED. THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS. A SHORT MEETING FOR ELECTION OF 1998-2000 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL PRECEDE THE SPEAKER.

KICKOFF FOR THE COMPLETION OF RESTORATION ON THE BURWELL HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 18 1PM BURWELL PARK GROUNDS

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN MAILED FROM THE CITY OF MINNETONKA FOR THE CONTINUING RESTORATION OF THE BURWELL HOUSE. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED FOR THE CELEBRATION. MAYOR ANDERSON AND OTHERS WILL SPEAK--CAKE AND PUNCH WILL BE SERVED. OUTDOOR WORK WILL BE COMPLETED THIS FALL; INSIDE WORK OVER THE WINTER.

MINNETONKA TOWNSHIP

A PUBLISHER HAS BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT PRINTING DANA FREAR'S BOOK ABOUT "MINNETONKA TOWNSHIP". WHILE STILL IN THE "DECISION-MAKING" PROCESS AS TO ITS CONTENT OR FOCUS, THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE PUBLISHING A BOOK IN THE NEXT YEAR COVERING THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARIES AND EVENTS OF MINNETONKA.

ask Nadine Dickson
938-0901

SENIOR CENTER SPEAKER

ELEANOR OSTMAN, FOOD EDITOR FOR THE ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS, WILL SPEAK ON TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS ON A NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER WEEK DAY MORNING AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THE DATE WILL BE ADVISED. THERE IS NO COST AND MS. OSTMAN BRINGS THE COOKIES.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT MINNETONKA COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE FRIDAY NIGHT STORM RUINED THREE TENTS BEFORE OUR EVENT AND A LATE AFTERNOON SATURDAY STORM CREATED A SHORTENED SOCIAL EVENT. HOWEVER, WE ENJOYED THE MUSIC OF THE MEDICINE SHOW, IVORY BRIDGE, MINNETONKA CHAMBER SINGERS AND MCC CHURCH BAND. EXHIBITS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BURWELL HOUSE AND LARGE PHOTOS OF 100 YEARS IN MINNETONKA HISTORY WERE POPULAR. THE OLD TOWN HALL WAS OPEN FOR VISITORS AND THE ANTIQUE MARKET PROVIDED MANY INTERESTING AND REASONABLE PURCHASES. THANKS TO OUR MANY SOCIETY AND MCC VOLUNTEERS.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A BALLOT IS ENCLOSED FOR ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS FOR OFFICER REELECTION FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO ART NICOL BY OCTOBER 1. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT AND WRITE IN NAMES ARE ENCOURAGED.

OUR NEWEST NOMINEE IS MIKE WILDER, A NEIGHBOR TO THE BURWELL HOUSE AND MEMBER OF THE MINNETONKA COMMUNITY CHURCH. HE ORGANIZED THE CHURCH PARTICIPATION FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL THIS YEAR AND TEACHES IN ORONO MIDDLE SCHOOL.

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO SCOTT MC GINNIS, WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE BOARD THIS YEAR. SCOTT, AS A PROFESSIONAL HISTORIAN, HAS PROVIDED MUCH INSIGHT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COORDINATED THE TICKET AREA FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

WRAP UP

THE FALL COLORS ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR. SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION. THE BURWELL HOUSE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME NEXT YEAR. HURRAH! THE METAL DOG THAT SAT ON THE LAWN AT THE BURWELL HOUSE AND WHICH HAD BEEN VANDALIZED, HAS BEEN RESTORED THROUGH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDS AND DONATIONS.

A BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE MINNETONKA TOWNSHIP AND OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING. PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 7. EXPRESS YOUR SPECIAL HISTORY TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, PLEASE VOTE!

HAVE A GREAT FALL!