

Fridley Historical Society

611 Mississippi Street NE

Fridley, Minnesota 55432

Members' Newsletter

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KARELIAN FEVER: the survivors

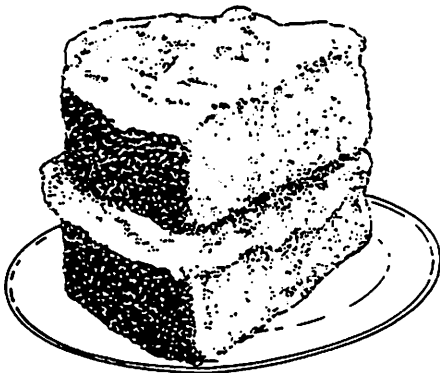
Thousands of Americans and Canadians were infected with "Karelian Fever" in the early 1930's. They abandoned their homes and way of life in North America and, with high hopes, emigrated to Soviet Karelia to help build a new society based on equality and justice.

The result for many was disappointment, terror, and ultimately, death.

Anita Middleton will tell the story of these emigrants- her parents were among them- and show a 30 minute video shot in Karelia.

Monday, January 13, 1997
7:00 pm at the Museum

Bring your friends and learn about this adventure.



POT LUCK SUPPER

Monday, February 10, 1997

6:00 pm

Bring your favorite food and enough to share with others. Plates and plastic eating utensils will be available.

Marion Anderson and Edna Ask have agreed to share with us

some of their experiences growing up in Fridley. All of this will happen after we have shared our Pot Luck foods at the Museum

December '96 speaker

Vickie Wendel our guest speaker for the December meeting gave our members a very good look at how Christmas's during the Civil War were celebrated. She was in the costume of that day and so was her young teenaged daughter, **Mandy**, who accompanied her. It was interesting to learn why their attire differed. Also, **Vickie** and **Mandy** showed us the many layers they wore and the reason for each.

Many of the people who attended asked if **Vickie** could again make this presentation to our members. For those of you who missed the program we could try to have this repeated at some later date.

JANUARY CASINO TRIP

Got the blahs after the holidays? Maybe what you need is a change from old man Winter's grip. How about taking a trip to the **Treasure Island Casino**? There you can see warm weather palms, sand & tropical gardens. Plus, you can bring a few coins and try the slots or play at the tables. And, if you get hungry, food is available at a couple of places-all within the building. No going outside to find a snack or meal.

You can do all of this on **Tuesday, January 14th**. The bus leaves at **9:00 am** from **Commons Park** and returns at **4:00 pm**. Cost is **\$5.00**. You will receive **\$5.00** on the bus on the ride to the casino. Also, there will be refreshments and games on the bus.

Call **Gloria Hayes** for your ticket at **571-3727**.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are NOW DUE

Please renew your membership this month. Dues help support the Society in its endeavor to preserve **Fridley's** history. We are fortunate that a number of volunteers donate many hours to maintaining the Museum and arranging programs for the community.

If you are interested in being on a committee or serving on the board, please contact any one of the officers. Your interest in keeping your **Fridley Historical Society** a viable entity is essential!

Dues are: \$10 for an individual
 \$20 for an organization or church
 \$50 for a business

Use the convenient form in this newsletter to send your dues for 1997 to the:

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Calendar

Jan. 13 Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Jan. 13 Regular Meeting 7:00 pm **Anita Middleton** presents: **KARELIAN FEVER**

Feb. 6 Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Feb. 10 POT LUCK DINNER 6:00 pm
Marion Anderson and Edna Ask

telling about their early days
in **Fridley**

Feb. 14 Bake Sale-Norwest/Fridley Bank

Mar. 6 Board Meeting 7:00

Mar. 10 John Koblas -F. Scott Fitzgerald
slides & presentation

HISTORY

from **The Minneapolis Journal**
Jan. 11, 1916

STATE'S STAR WITNESS COMPLETES STORY OF ALLEGED MURDER

The newspaper article in this issue of the **Journal** printed the testimony given on this date in the trial of **Frederick T. Price**. He was charged with the murder of his wife **Mary Fridley Price**.

The star witness was a friend, **Charles D. Etchison**. He testified that on many occasions **Mr. Price** stated he could get a fortune by the deaths of **David Fridley** (**Mary's** father) and his two daughters- **Mary Fridley Price** and **Lou Fridley Dye**. **Mr. Etchison** quoted **Mr. Price**, "I could snuff out their lives just like pressing three electric buttons. The old man has a lot of money. It will go to my wife and **Lou Dye**. I need the money and will get it."

There were several more times that **Mr. Price** talked of this matter to **Mr. Etchison**. The two men often went on auto rides. On one ride **Mr. Price** said he had a plan to get the money. **Mr. Etchison** testified, "While we were coming from **St. Paul** on one ride he pointed out a place on the river bank. He said that an accident might easily happen there."

From the article in the **Journal**, I am surmising that the two men were in some kind of business together that was not bringing in any money. So, apparently **Mr. Etchison** owed several thousand dollars to **Mr. Price**. Both men were trying to get money.

Mr. Etchison went to **Washington** and got a job, but was called back by **Mr. Price** who was getting more desperate and said that "...unless I got money he would kill his wife in my presence and I would get the blame."

"A few days later **Mr. Price** said he had a way that would be easy if I would consent to it. I

Dead Woman's Father Keeps
Eyes Fixed on Defendant



DAVID H. FRIDLEY.
This man's father, David Fridley, was the father of Mary Fridley Price.

Etchison as He Looked When
Telling His Story on Stand



told him I could not do it. He said he had to have a witness in order to protect himself. A few days afterward he said he had good news."

"He (**Mr. Price**) said his father-in-law had turned money and bonds over to his wife. He said he had a plan to get it. He wanted me to go with him. I told him I wanted nothing to do with it. He said it was a good plan and it would work out right."

Some time later **Mr. & Mrs. Price** and **Mr. Etchison** drove on **East River Road** and stopped about half way between the **Milwaukee bridge** and **Lake (St.)**. **Mr. Price** said there was something the matter with the car and all three got out of the car. While **Mr. Etchison** looked under the hood **Mr. Price** managed to hurl **Mrs. Price** over the bank backward.

Later in his testimony, **Mr. Etchison** stated that **Mr. Price** had a lady friend he had been seeing for a couple of years. The two had stopped in "nearly every hotel in **Minneapolis** with her."

This account of the trial of Frederick Price is written in far more detail in the newspaper. Feel free to read it the next time you are in the museum.

Editor

Long-time Mayor Bill Nee retires

The City of Fridley honored retiring Bill Nee for his twenty-five years as Mayor at a public dinner in late November. Friends and family and the community were present to recognize the service Bill has given throughout the many years he served here in Fridley not only as Mayor, but as a Councilmember. In addition to these positions, he has been active in a great variety of committees and commissions in Fridley as well as in the greater community.

The first male member of the Fridley League of Women Voters was Bill Nee. His support of the at that time-new policy of the League to admit males to membership was most welcome!

Thank you for your many years of service to Fridley and for your support of the Fridley Historical Society.

Christmas for kindergarteners

Thanks to Jeanne Peter the Children's Christmas open house brought 350+ family and friends to the Museum to see art work the children had made in their classes at school.

We are delighted to have so many people visit the Museum!

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OTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The **Minnesota Historical Society** has a new exhibit Lifting as We Climb African American Women Working for Change. It is the story of three African-American women, all shapers of life in the Twin Cities.

There is also a Museum Theater at the History Center which is presenting three short plays written for the **Families** exhibit-Beth Gilleland's **My Perfect Brother** and Patty Lynch's **The Spite Fence** and **The Jimmy Pepper File**-run on selected dates through Feb. 23 in the attic. Respectively, the plays focus on sibling rivalry, inter-racial marriage and the institutionalizing of a family member. Call 296-6126 for dates.

From the **Member News-MN Historical Society**

Ramsey County Historical Society has a new exhibit discussing the history of The St. Paul Companies insurance company. This exhibit is on loan from the St. Paul Companies archives and will be located in Landmark Center. It is free and open to the public until the summer of 1997.

Take advantage of these offerings during the winter when outdoor activities are limited.



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Tired of winter? Let's get together for a

POT LUCK SUPPER

Monday, February 10, 1997

6:00 pm

Bring something to share for supper. There will be utensils, plates, and cups provided.

Bring a friend, relative, or neighbor!!

Following supper two of our own members will share their experiences here during their early years. **Edna Ask** and **Glenn Theorin** have agreed to talk about those days. You, too, will want to add your experiences!



Monday, March 10, 1997
at 7:00 pm

At our Regular Meeting we are privileged to present

John Koblas, author of two books on

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Return to **The Great Gatsby** era with Koblas through his illustrated slide lecture on the life and times of **F. Scott Fitzgerald**. Share a time when the Fitzgeralds lived on the most prestigious street in St. Paul, occupying a slightly precarious social position and where young Scott rode the electric street cars and dreamed of one day becoming a famous writer.

This is an exciting story. Don't miss it!

FAMILY HISTORY

from the book "Anoka County
Minnesota" 1982

Mortensen Family

Lars Peter Mortensen was born Sept. 27, 1847 in Sor Amt, Sjaeland (Zealand), Denmark... He immigrated to America in 1896, accompanying a sister and brother-in-law....

In 1901, after working on a relative's dairy farm for some time, he bought a farm in Fridley Township with two other parties whom he later bought out.

In 1909 he married Laura Christine Hansen....and they had five sons: Walter Frederik, born Jan. 10, 1910; Carl Christian, born Aug. 4, 1911; Daniel Johannes, born Aug. 31, 1913; Harry Edward, born Nov. 10, 1915; and Arthur Paul, Born Dec. 1, 1917.

Pet Mortensen seems to have liked the gadgets that were starting to become available to the common man at this time. He was the first in his neighborhood to buy a talking machine. The neighbors were over until 1:00 a.m. listening to the little Columbia Graphophone that night in 1914. He bought a Model T Ford in 1917 once he was assured that the Ford car would never be any cheaper to buy.

The family left for Mission, Texas in the fall of 1918. They put the Ford in a boxcar



with some other necessities, left the Fridley farm in the hands of some relatives and took the train down. After farming in the lower Rio Grande Valley for 3 1/2 years, they returned to Fridley, leaving Mission on May 2, 1922 and arriving home on May 16 after 15 of driving along cow trails, railroad tracks, and occasional roads. Carl Mortensen was sent back to Mission, Texas in 1930 and is now retired after 46 years of dairy farming there.

Things improved on the Lars Peter Mortensen farm as the yeaars went by: electricity came in 1931, a concrete silo was pured in 1935 to replace the old wood stave silo which had a tendency to tip over in the wind when empty, and a new barn was built to replace the old one which had threatened to imitate the old silo during a 90 m.p.h. wind storm the previous year. Milking machines also made the scene in 1937. Ah, luxury!

Lars Peter Mortensen died on March 20, 1940. Laura Mortensen sold the farm to Walter, Harry and Arthur in 1952, and died May 22, 1960. The farm was located at 7550 (Old) Cenral Ave. NE and was moved, "lock, stock, and barrel" to the fomer Boxwell Bros. farm in Ham Lake Township in 1964.

Another Casino Trip

On March 11 you can join us for another casino trip to Treasure Island Casino. Get your tickets early as we had a 'sold out' bus in January. There is no casino trip scheduled for February.

Call Gloria Hayes for tickets: 571-3727

BAKE SALE

Will you bake your goodies again for the Bake Sale on **Friday, February 14** which will be held at the **Fridley Norwest Bank?**

Hours for the sale are **9 - 3 pm.** You can bring your items any time from **8:30** and on.

If you are willing to help tend the table, please call **Lillian Meyer** at **571-5328.**

Dues are now due

If you have paid your dues already, Thank You! If you have not, please do so.

To keep our Fridley Historical Society a vibrant, vital part of the community we need your participation and support.

Please volunteer to serve on a committee. There are many places you can help in the museum, e.g. helping arrange displays, serving as a docent in the museum on Saturdays from 12-2 (you would be with a board member), tending the plants on the grounds, etc. Let any board member know you are available.

ARTISTIC DISPLAY

In May we are planning to have a display of works of art made by our own members. If you have paintings, sculptures, carvings, jewelry, stained glass, weavings, metal workings, and any other types of art work, please let **Lillian Meyer** know at **571-5328.**

We have many talented members. Let's have an outstanding display! At our May meeting artists may comment on their work-how they got started, why they selected this medium, etc. **Share your talents!**

Lasagna Dinner

Again this year we are planning to have our annual Lasagna Dinner. The date is tentatively set for Saturday, April 19. Because an addition to the Community School is planned, the date may be changed due to construction. We will let you know as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
Phone No. _____
Will help-How? _____

Yearly dues: Individual \$10.00
Club & church \$20.00
Business \$50.00

Mail to: Fridley Historical Society
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HISTORY

Where did the name **Anoka** originate?

The name of this county, established May 23, 1857, was taken from the town of Anoka, which was first settled in 1851-52 and was named in 1853. It is a Dakota or Sioux word, meaning, as Prof. A.W. Williamson wrote, "on both sides; applied by founders to the city laid out on both sides of Rum River, and since applied to the county," of which this city is the county seat. Rev. Moses N. Adams, who came as a missionary to the Sioux in 1848 and learned their language, stated that, as

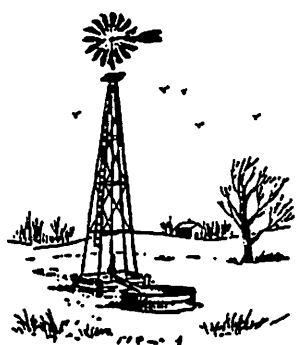
a Sioux word, Anoka means "the other side, or both sides."

.....The Ojibway verb, "I work," is Anoki, as given in Baraga's Dictionary, with many inflected forms and compound words from this root, all referring to work in some way as their central thought.

But the selection of the name Anoka had reference only to its use by the Dakota or Sioux people, whose language is wholly unlike that of the Ojibways.....

From the book Minnesota
Geographic Names

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Addendum to April Newsletter

7th Annual LASAGNA DINNER and RAFFLE

When: Saturday, April 19, 1997

**Where: Fridley Middle School
61st & West Moore Lake Drive NE**

Cost: Tickets are \$6.50

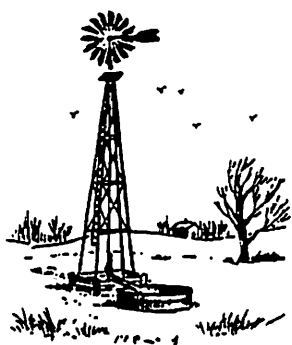
Tickets may be picked up at the Fridley Senior Center or call **Gloria Hayes at 571-3727**

Doors open at 4:30pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm

Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT!

COME and ENJOY YOURSELF!



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LASAGNA DINNER & RAFFLE

Saturday, April 19, 1997

at

Fridley Middle School

(This is a **new** location for our dinner)

Doors will open at **4:30**

Dinner will be at **5:00**

The Community School location is not available this year because of construction.

Would you like TWO TICKETS for a couple of nights at the Best Western Kelly Inn (bring your swim suits and use their indoor pool)?

Or would you enjoy hearing the Minnesota Orchestra playing wonderful melodies at the Summer Pops concerts? (TWO TICKETS)

Or is a nice dinner FOR TWO at Fridley's Shorewood Inn your desire?

Or maybe you could use a \$100 Savings Bond.

If any of these appeal to you, **BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS** so that you may be

DOOR PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES

our winner on one or more of these items.

Raffle tickets to these events will be drawn at our **LASAGNA DINNER**, so be sure you are included by buying your ticket/s now. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00.

All members will receive tickets to sell. Ticket buyers do **NOT** have to be present to win. Just send your ticket/s filled out with your name, address, and phone number and your check (made out to the Fridley Historical Society) to the Museum.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can!

At the door separate tickets will be available at \$1.00 each for two tickets to a Saint Paul Saints Baseball game.

DOOR PRIZES

TORNADO SWEEPS ANOKA COUNTY NEAR FRIDLEY

**Storm Cats Swath From River to
Rice Lake Doing Immense
Damage**

**ANOKA COUPLE ESCAPE
DEATH BY MARGIN**

**WRHM Broadcasting Station, North
of Columbia Heights,
Leveled**

Anoka county was swept late Friday afternoon by a tornado that traveled from southwest to northeast, and vented its worst fury at Fridley. It came after a day of torrid heat when the thermometer reached 80 degrees, and clouds banked in the southwest. It grew dark, and is best described by Harry Hilton of Anoka, who was almost in its direct path and saved his wife and himself by leaving their car and lying prone in a ditch, right in front of the C. A. Nelson home on the East River road. Mr. Hilton says the storm was a huge funnel shaped cloud of a dirty mud color, and it came across the river just north of the Nelson farm, where outbuildings were wrecked by the terrific swirl of the air. The second house this side of the Nelson farm was totally demolished. A Mrs. Duval owned the place, but the folks were visiting in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton set the brakes on their car, climbed out and into the ditch. Mr. Hilton had been in a tornado before, and he did the only thing he could, as there was no time to lose. They were pelted by small pebbles, the size of small marbles, lost their hats, were drenched to the skin. The car was swung around and crashed into the Nelson fence, but did not overturn. They went to the Duval home and there in the very center of where the house stood was a photograph of a little girl, the glass and frame torn away, and it stood on edge, without a spatter of mud, and unharmed. The house was completely wrecked. The house next to the south was damaged. The funnel-shaped cloud a quarter mile wide at the lower end, swept east, across the street car line, high power line, railroad tracks with the two trunk telegraph lines, and on to north Columbia Heights and Highway 63 to Rice Lake.

Every pole was broken in its path, wires ripped and tangled, and Anoka was cut off on both sides of the river for a long time. Word came to this city from Mr. Hilton first, and help went out from here. Minneapolis was notified, and St. Paul too, and fire squads, police ambulances, etc., were rushed to the scene. Injured were rushed to General hospital where so many were brought in, only first aid could be given for some time, and no efforts made to identify them or notify relatives.

Many places near Columbia Heights were wrecked, and the storm completely demolished WRHM broadcasting station. The attendant there rushed to the cellar, where he was found later and taken to Rosedale hospital, badly hurt. Not a brick of the building was left in place; the great steel towers were snapped as though they were matches.

The storm started near Minnetonka, swept northeast, gaining in fury as it went, and did lots of damage to buildings at Robbinsdale. There it dipped closer to the ground on its way to the east, gaining fury at Camden and crossed the Mississippi striking Anoka county with terrific force.

The storm swept on towards Rice lake, leveling farm houses, barns and outbuildings, leaving desolation and wreckage in its path.

It is worth noting that the earliest tornado in Minnesota before this one, was the terrible visitation at St. Cloud, April 14, many years ago.

The Dead

Andrew Hanson, 42, farm hand, killed in buildings on Libby farm, 62nd and Bryant avenue north.

George Lundgren, 25, killed in wreckage of his buildings at Forest Lake.

The Injured

Andrew Rock, 51, 59th and Fremont.

Sadie Schai, 21, 58th and Humboldt.

Julia Schai, 57, same address.

Mary Schai, 46, same address.

Clara Boneff, 40, 67th and Logan.

Samuel Smith, 26, McKinley street.

Mrs. Jas. Libby, 58th and Bryant.

Arlene Libby, same address.

John Libby, same address.

Marian Sederberg, same address.
Mrs. Mary Diemoff, 58th and Humboldt.

Mrs. Victor Sirota, same address.
Kenneth Heigren, 14, 4232 Bryant avenue.

Carl Cedarberg, 14, 60th and Lyndale N.

Raymond Sonneberg, 12, 620 Lyndale N.

M. Boneff, 46, Camden.

Mary Thullner, 33, Camden.

Edward Barry, 39, Fridley.

Mary Barry, 29, Fridley.

Beiva Barry, 8, Fridley.

Louise Thullner, 4, Camden.

Ole Rud, 67, Columbia Heights.

Lina Pigeon, 32, Columbia Heights.

Harvy Pigeon, 42, Columbia Hts.

Thomas Edmunds, Fridley.

Mrs. Carl Lemn, Fridley.

Phyllis Lemn, Fridley.

Arnold Nicolson, Fridley.

Wm. Toner, New Brighton.

Mrs. Mary Husnik, New Brighton.

Martin Hookstra, Forest Lake.

Mrs. Chas. Skoog, Forest Lake.

Wesley Simons, Forest Lake.

Many of these were seriously hurt and a few may die.

Many escaped death by rushing to the cellars and others didn't have time, the storm came so fast.

Fire broke out in the ruins of the Carl Lemn home at Fridley and Mrs. Lemn and little girl were badly burned. Mr. Lemn was in the barn.

Thomas Edmunds, caretaker at WRHM was caught in the basement and rushed to a hospital badly bruised by falling timbers and brick.

At John Farrell's all buildings were wrecked but the house, as was the case at Fred Schultz's in Fridley.

Eight houses were completely wrecked on highway 63.

The storm was accompanied by hail and torrential rain.

At Anoka it rained hard, and there was quite a blow, but nothing serious.

Great oak trees were torn out by the roots, and no trees had foliage on as yet, to give the wind a hold.

Emil Pollreis of Forest Lake, lost his barn and 32 head of full blooded Holstein cattle.

Trains over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific were flagged through from Northtown to Coon Rapids. The railroads had one wire from Anoka to Coon Rapids that was open. Everything else was cut off.

Red Cross aid from Minneapolis was sent out and Mrs. Fritz Peterson of Anoka was notified and sent Red Cross aid from this city. The two aids met at the scene of the disaster.

MORE HISTORY

FRIDLEY SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The school house at Fridley, a two-room building, was totally destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The janitor had built a fire in the building, and one of the teachers came early. Soon afterwards she heard a peculiar roaring noise, and attributed it to a train passing, but as it did not stop finally went to the room across the hall and when she opened the door was met by a seething mass of flame. In a few minutes the school house was nothing but ashes. The partitions were of composition board and burned like tinder. There was a small insurance.



From the same newspaper that printed the Tornado story this small article was found. Editor



WORK PROGRESSES at Hayes School

Work is continuing on the Hayes School addition. Footings are being poured now. From the Fridley #14 Bulletin we read that soil borings at the school disclosed that organic peat ran beneath the surface and required soil replacement prior to building the gymnasium addition at Hayes School.

During the time construction/digging, etc. was being done at the site, the whole Museum building shook. It was noticed that a horizontal crack had appeared around the entire museum building.

We will keep you posted on progress on this item.

This & That

A book on the history of New Brighton is now available: "A Cenennial History of New Brighton, Minnesota" by Gene F. Skiba. It may be picked up at: New Brighton Bulletin, 909 7th Ave., New Brighton and First State Bank of New Bighton, 2299 Palmer Drive, New Brighton. Cost is \$15 plus tax.

Or it can be ordered by mail: New Brighton Area Historical Society, c/o Joyce A Kloncz, 573 Yankton College Lane, New Brighton, MN 55112. Cost is \$18.90 & includes postage and handling.

The book covers Indian tribes, early settlers, railroads & stockyards, village life, families, etc. Over 300 pages with 150 photos and maps. This is a limited edition.

History Day

"History Day" has been held for a number of years to stimulate students' interest in history. Throughout the state and nation the students are given the opportunity to dig into the past for a particular item and to present it at spring History Day fairs held at the local, regional, state and national levels.

A theme is selected each year and students pick a story relating to that theme to do the research on so that they can then create their papers, make table-top exhibits, give performances or create media presentations.

History Day is now one of the fastest-growing social studies enrichment programs in the nation's schools.

(Sponsors are the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota.)

BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Because of the wonderful response of our members who baked goodies or donated monies our Bake Sale on March 14 was a great success! **Thanks to:**

Bill Sandins, Pete Bonesteels, Gloria Hayes, Harriet Johnson, John Fitzpatrick, Esther Campbell, Ardie Chesney, Char Fitzpatrick, Jerry Manleys, Suzanne Miskowic, Bunty Shaw, Alice Nelson, Lillian Meyer, Edna Ask, Jean Peter, and Janet Peter.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Yearly dues: Individual: \$10.00
Club & church 20.00
Business: 50.00

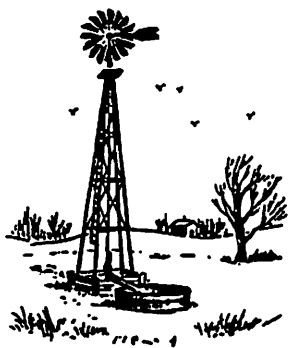
Mail to: Fridley Historical Society,
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MN 55432

ARTISTS NEEDED

May will be MEMBER ARTISTS MONTH at the Museum. Please share your artistic endeavors with fellow members! If you have paintings, sculpting, woodworkings, writings, hand-works or other artiscic items, we NEED THEM for our display. Artists will have an opportunity to talk about their works at our May Regular Meeting. Let Lillian Meyer know if you are willing to display items. Her number is 571-5328.



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May 12- MEMBER ARTISTS Regular Monthly Meeting

When: *Monday, May 12, 1997*

Time: *7:00 pm*

What: *Member artists*

For the first time in our history our member artists will have their work on display. We are asking each one to tell something about their art, when the artist started doing the art work, why they use their medium, how the work is done, etc.

Come and view their works. *Bring your family, friends and neighbors to share this event.*

FRIDLEY 49ers DAYS

The Parade will be held on Thursday, June 12th starting at 6:30 pm at the Fridley Middle School.

The Fridley Historical Society again is fortunate to have an antique automobile driven by Warren Mortensen in the 49ers Day Parade. His passengers will be Phil and Bonnie Novack and Herb Bacon. Watch for them as the parade moves past you!

Last call for ARTISTS!

The month of May this year is "Recognition of all Member Artists." If you create any art projects we would like to have them on display during the month of May and early June. We know there are many of you artists in the Historical Society. Now is the time to show your work.

Art works needed are: paintings (all mediums), sculptures (wood, stone, metal), carvings, weavings, any original creations in other materials. Your works are needed!

On Monday, June 5th, from 2-3 the Museum will be open for members to bring their art work. If that is not convenient for you, please call Lillian Meyer at 571-5328 and arrange for a time you can come.

LASAGNA DINNER

Thanks to everyone who participated in our fund raiser-either purchasing raffle tickets or dinner tickets or both!

Our contributors are very special and we urge you to express your appreciation when you are in their establishments. They are:

Bob's Produce Ranch
Marigold Foods
Heights Bakery
McDonalds at Holiday
LaGondola Spaghetti House
Best Western Kelly Inn
Fridley Norwest Bank
Fridley Middle School
Cub at Northtown
Fridley Senior Center
Shorewood Inn
Suzanne Miskowic
John & Lillian Meyer
Char Fitzpatrick
Jerry & Marilyn Manley
Don & Susan Blakeslee

Our thanks to the many members who worked to make this event possible! They are:

Gloria Hayes, who headed up the entire project, Esther Campbell, Suzanne Miskowic, Jerry and Debbie Johnson, Chuck Hayes, Pete and Mary Bonesteel, Buntly Shaw, Eleanor Jensen, Char Fitzpatrick, Mary Sue Meyers, Lillian Meyer, Mel Manley, Jerry Manley and Janet and Jeanne Peter.

It would seem from the many comments heard at the dinner that people liked the location-the Middle School- very much. Perhaps we can again use this facility.

To make the evening perfect, the string

quartet, "**Divertimenti**" played before and during dinner. We are most grateful to the these excellent musicians: Virginia Taylor, Joni Mac Donald, Jean Volna, and Agnes Wolf. Thank you all!

Lucky Winners

Several Door Prizes were given to people who were at the Lasagna Dinner.

Then the **Saints Baseball Tickets** were drawn. The lucky winners were Suzanne Miskowic, John Meyer, and Jerry Manley's grandchild.

Last tickets drawn were for the raffle tickets. Jerry Reitter won the **Orchestra Hall Pops** tickets.

Glenn Theorin and Esther Campbell each won a **\$50 Savings Bond**.

Carol Hoiby won two prizes: Dinner for two at the **Shorewood Inn**. and two nights stay at the **Best Western Kelly Inn**.

CASINO TRIP

Our next Treasure Island Casino trip will be on Thursday, May 15, 1997. It is a day of games and refreshments on the bus, plus a time to try your luck in the casino.

Call **Gloria Hayes** at **571-3727** for tickets or pick them up at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$5.00. You will get your \$5.00 back on the bus. Join us. We have a good time!

Museum Display : June 6 - 28

The Anoka County Historical Society is loaning the Fridley Historical Society a display of **HISTORY BOARD PANELS** for the month of June. Stop in the Museum on Saturdays to see this great show of our past!

Then in July from the 4th to the 26th a traveling exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society **THE SACRED CIRCLE OF LIFE: DAKOTA & OJIBWAY PEOPLES OF MINNESOTA** will be at the Museum on display.

Both of these promise to be very interesting. **Come and visit!**

HISTORY -55 years ago

As I was looking through the book Prestemon's Points I came across his March 27, 1942 entry:

"The rationing of rubber brings the war right bang-up close to all of us. It is about the only thing that is touching practically everyone of us.

Here in this country, rubber is the staff of life. We all come and go on rubber. Even if we walk we arrive and depart on rubber a large part of the year.

We had lost all sense of distance, but now

we are beginning to think about how far it is to Anoka and calculating how many such trips we can make. To the people out at Spring Lake Park who work in Minneapolis and St. Paul 15 miles all at once becomes 15 miles and not merely a pleasant half hour drive. All kinds of adjustments must be made.

It's interesting to discuss this rubber question and note the reactions of people. One man spoke of tire rationing as the final iniquity of the New Deal. Singapore and Java are proofs of democratic crookedness cooked up by the sordid Roosevelt administration. "See, I told you so, the devil is taking the tires right off your wheels."

Some people regard this rationing as just a scare which will blow over and before it gets too bad something will be done to fix it up. They simply can't believe we have to put our cars away. "They can't do that to us." In the meantime, they are having their tires retreaded, just in case. That would be a ridiculous and ignominious situation for an American to be in, not to have at least four tires inflated to 30 pounds pressure....

Most of us think our tires will last a year and who the heck wants to look farther ahead than that.

After that we can go to bed and pull the covers over our heads, but that won't be comfortable without a hot-water bottle-and what if that leaks!- We can't get a new one.

The impact and shock of war without a rubber cushion will be terrible."

*You are most welcome to join the Fridley
Historical Society!!*

*Join us today! Fill in the Membership
Application below:*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Yearly dues: Individual \$10; Club &
Church \$20; Business \$50.*

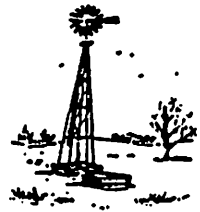
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CLEAN-UP WORKERS & PAINTERS NEEDED

If you have a couple of hours you are
willing to spend doing some clean-up
work or wall painting at the Museum,
please contact **Lillian Meyer** at **571-5328**.
Paint day will be **Wednesday, May 21** at
9:00 am at the Museum.

FREE- Ping pong table

*If you or someone you know would like
to have a free pingpong table you may
pick it up here at the Museum. We
need the space, so we need to move the
table out.*



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SECOND ANNUAL AUGUST FEST

OLD FASHIONED BASE BALL GAME

When: Monday, August 11, 1997

*Where: Ball field behind the Museum
611 Mississippi Street*

*Who: "Quicksteps" an old-fashioned
baseball team dressed in their 18th
Century costumes*

Time: 7:00 pm

*What: Fun & Entertainment for the whole
family*

*Rules of 1857 will be used. Balls and bats from that era
will also be used. NO GLOVES will be used! Rules
include no bunting, no stealing, no leading off, no
betting, and of course, no swearing. Strikes are called
only on a clean swing and miss. Foul ticks don't count.*

Bring your lawn chair or a blanket!

*FREE REFRESHMENTS SERVED
FOLLOWING THE GAME in the MUSEUM!*



HISTORY

Fridley=Our Home Town

by Emma Christenson Carlson

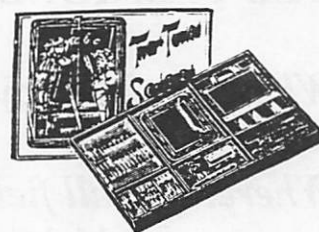
"My first experience at school that I recall was my falling into the well. I had just started school that spring. My mother had told Miss Putnam, on the latter's visit to our home, how lonesome I was when the children went back to school in the fall. This was in the late winter. The teacher then suggested that my mother let me start in the spring when the weather was warmer. I was only five then, and the teacher wasn't supposed to take us until six. I remember how happy I was; I could hardly wait.

I had only been in school a few days when this happened. The children were all hurrying to get their last minute drinks when the last recess bell rang. Julia Hawkins and I were the last ones at the well. She had her drink, pumped mine for me and ran. As she ran she stepped on the end of a loose rotted plank; it bounced up and over and I fell through the opening. I screamed, and she just having reached the outside door, heard me and called the teacher. Mr. Mackyol happened to be driving by with his team of ponies; he was sent up to the Hawkins home for a ladder. The ladder was lowered and my brother Charlie climbed down and brought me up. It was about a fifteen-foot fall. I didn't get hurt but, I shall never forget those awful slippery slimy green lizards that were crawling all around me. I got a little damp and muddy. The teacher cleaned me up and wrapped me in her coat, and let me sit up front in her big arm-chair the rest of the day. Then I casually went home with the rest of the children."

TORNADO PICTURES/INFO NEEDED

A tornado exhibit is in the planning. We need input from you! Do you have pictures or a story of any of the tornadoes that have hit Fridley? We would like to copy pictures and return your original to you.

If you have a story, either written or oral we'd like to hear or see it. Thanks for your cooperation! Contact **Lillian Meyer 571-5328** or **Char Fitzpatrick 572-9615**.



Thanks to Art Exhibitors

What a great assortment of art objects our members provided us during the month of May!

There were paintings on canvas and clothing, sculpture, Native American clothing, model railroad buildings, a tiny-cross-stitched panel, a butterfly collection, thread-covered eggs, pencil sketches, and ceramic ornaments and dolls. One member read some of her original writings.

Each artist made a presentation at our regular May meeting on the history of their artwork. Those participating were: Betty Bacon, Mirth Langer, Mary Bonesteel, Sharon Sandin, Buntly Shaw, Char Fitzpatrick, Irwin Peter, Elizabeth Frischmon, John Fitzpatrick, Debbie Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Corine Kirkham, and Lillian Meyer. **Thank you to ALL!**

NEW EXHIBIT at the MUSEUM in August

We are pleased to have a new exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society for your viewing during the month of August. It is **Families Who Nurture, Individuals Who Serve**. This display shows the Role of African Americans in Community Service in St. Paul.

beginning, African American seen under enormous pressure to find unique and enduring ways to preserve their unions in the face of slavery, personal violation, and systematic discrimination.

This exhibit, co-sponsored by the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc. and Family Service, Inc., St Paul with the support of the Minnesota Historical Society, aims to provide perspective on the evolution of the Black community service and the role of the illuminating the stories of three outstanding African American families in St. Paul. Through photographs, newspaper clippings and quotes from family members we transmit the enduring legacy of all African American families.

Five highly significant attributes of Black families appear time and again in the oral traditions, history books, and newspapers that document the community's progress from slavery through freedom into discrimination and beyond. These may best be viewed as themes that have made Black American families special since the early 17th century.

COME and BRING YOUR FAMILY and FRIENDS.



BANFILL/LOCKE House now 150 years old

On Sunday, August 10, 1997, the public is invited to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Banfill/Locke House located on East River Road one block north of Mississippi Street. The open house will be held from noon to 6 pm. The Fridley Historical Society will have a booth there.



Mr. Fridley

We received a call from John C. Fridley who lives in New Baten, IL. He had found the Fridley Historical Society listed on his computer disc. He was interested in hearing about our community so we sent him both current and historical material. We asked if he is related to our Abram Fridley. We'll keep you posted.

Internship Won by Local Girl

Congratulations to Kirsten Rostadt, a graduate of Fridley High School, who has won a six month scholarship for an internship at Smith College. This award was made by the National Historical Society.

In 1994 Kirsten won first place, among the thousands of entrants from many schools in Minnesota, for her history display, Dams and Damages, at the Minnesota History Day state competition. (We were very pleased to have her bring her display and speak about it to our members in September 1994.) Kirsten was sent to Washington, D.C. as a representative of Minnesota and won at the National History Day Competition.

Can you help?

Mark Sparky Stensaas, P.O. Box 3564, Duluth, MN 55803 is researching round/polygonal barns in Minnesota and needs some assistance. Mark is willing to pay a \$10 reward to anyone who locates a round barn that he hasn't already recorded.

New Brighton Stockyard Days-August 20-24, 1997

The New Brighton Historical Society will be participating in "Stockyard Days" by having their depot museum open from noon to 9 pm on Saturday, August 23, and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, August 24.

They are located in Long Lake Park in New Brighton. This museum has a great deal of railroad memorabilia!

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SEPTEMBER 8, 1997 MEETING

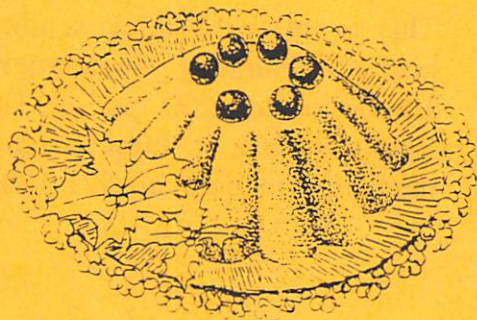
POT LUCK SUPPER

Our first meeting of the season will be a **POT LUCK SUPPER** at the museum on Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm.

Bring your favorite food and enough to share. Plates and beverage will be provided.

No formal program will be presented. Instead, we ask that **you come prepared** to tell about your entry into Fridley, whether it was years ago or recently. Were you born here? Did you go to school here? Did you get married here? Did you move here with your family? If so, how and why did you come here?

We are all interested in how others became Fridleyites. This should be fun!



OCTOBER 13, 1997 Meeting

Time: **7:00 pm**

Date: **Monday, Oct. 13**

Where: **Museum**

Speaker: **MARK BONESTEEL**

Subject: **History of Murder in
Fridley**

Come and hear the story of these terrible acts that have taken place here in our own community. What was the reason for such actions? How did police find these persons? What was the earliest recorded such crime? The latest?

ANOKA COUNTY'S 140th BIRTHDAY

Taken from Colonial Hall Crier

Anoka County was formally organized on May 23, 1857, by an act of the Legislative Assembly. The county lines were in the same places as in 1997 with the exception of "Manomin County". Manomin County was the southern tip of the current Anoka County that is now Fridley, Columbia Heights, Hilltop and Spring Lake Park. That portion of land joined Anoka County in 1870 as Fridley Township.

In 1857, the governor of Minnesota appointed the first Board of Commissioners for Anoka County and they began organizing the new county into eight townships. The townships were: Anoka, Watertown, Round Lake, Bethel, Columbus, St. Francis, Oak Grove, and Centerville. (Watertown became Dover and then changed to Ramsey. Round Lake became Grow Township in 1860 and in 1974, Andover.)

CASINO TRIP

Our first fall casino trip will be on **Wednesday, September 17th** at 9:00 am to Treasure Island Casino. Tickets are **\$5.00** and may be obtained from **Gloria Hayes** at **571-3727** or at the **Senior Center**.

Games will be played on the bus trip and you will receive your \$5.00 back upon arriving at the casino. It should be a fun day!

To celebrate this anniversary, a special photo exhibit has been created in the Anoka County Historical Community Room. Each municipality in the county was asked to provide photos of their community for display. These photos show the development of the county from the early days to the 1990's, highlight special places and people, and tell our county story.

Join us for the afternoon of September 6, 1997, from 12:30 - 4:00 pm for the opening of this exhibit in the Community Room at Colonial Hall Museum. Guided tours of the museum will be available throughout the afternoon.

Editor's note: The Anoka County Historical Society is located at 1900 Third Avenue South in Anoka. If you have not visited this museum, you need to take advantage of this event and do so September 6th.

Membership dues in the Anoka County Historical Society includes mailings throughout the year for their newsletter, Colonial Hall Crier.

1997 Senior Olympics

This event for Fridley seniors will be held on Thursday, September 11 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. For more information call **571-1304**.

More History-of one of the original "50" families

from Fridley-Our Home Town

by Emma Christenson Carlson

"Also among our early settlers were some German families. The first of these was the Michael Lux family. They bought their farm and came here in 1868 to what we know as the Schier place. Michael Lux, having lost his parents while young, made his own living in Germany farming, till at the age of twenty-five he came to America. He worked for one year in Chicago, then came to Minnesota. He located in St. Anthony, working on the steamboats then plying the Mississippi. He made the first run via steamboat, from St. Anthony to St. Cloud. In St. Anthony he married Susan Hennes and they lived there till they came to their new home at Manomin. They had five dauaghaters, Margaret, Julia, Annie, Elizabeth and Mary. An infant son died. The Luxes lived on this faarm for fourteen years, then sold it to Adam Schier and bought seventy-five acres over on the East River Road. At his retirement Mr. Lux gave

each of his girls fifteen acres of land, three of who later married and settled there to become three more of Fridley's older families...The Luxes lived in their little rambling house, just a little north of the Duvall place for some time. In later years when "Grandma Lux" became unable to manage her home, she went to live with her daughter, ...where she died....

In his later years "Grandpa Lux" just delighted in going fishing. Day after day he could be found sitting on the river-bank just below the Hayes home, patiently throwing out his line, trying to make a catch. One night he was missed. He did not come home. A search party went out, but he wasn't found till the next day. He had quietly succumbed on the bank of the river, his favorite haunt, with his fishing pole beside him."

Old-fashioned Base Ball Game

What fun everyone seemed to have while watching the old-fashioned baseball game between the Quicksteps and FHS's team on Monday, August 11, 1997. The rules used were those of 1857 and differed from what we have all known. There were many requests for a repeat of this event next year.

Thanks to the Quicksteps manager Bob

Tholkes and to Duane Prairie, who organized the Team for the FHS, for their efforts to make our Second Annual AUGUST FEST a great success! A hearty thank you to our members and community who came to view this game!

Members helping with this event who deserve thanks are Mary Sue Meyers, Esther Campbell, Gloria Hayes, Suzanne Miskowic, Mel Manley, and Lillian Meyer.

Banfill/Locke House 150th Anniversary

Many members attended this event on Sunday, August 10th. Among the many speakers who celebrated this event were Kay Nee (board member of the Banfill/Locke House, in costume), Mayor Nancy Jorgenson, Representative Alice Johnson, and our own Bonnie Novack. Bonnie spoke about the Fridley Historical Society and promoted the August Fest which was to take place the following evening. Bonnie was dressed in a gown from 150 years ago. It was a dark green full-length dress trimmed with lace on the sleeves and neck. She looked very elegant!

The Fridley Historical Society had been invited to have a table where we

had our literature. Docents answered questions from the public and invited people to visit the museum. We brought a mannequin dressed in the costume of 1857 of the Quicksteps to display. This figure prompted questions about the Old-fashioned Base Ball Game which was to be held the next night. Tending the table were Phil and Bonnie Novack, Suzanne Miskowic, Alice Nelson, Esther Campbell, Corine Kirkham, and Lillian Meyer.

The Banfill/Locke House and the grounds were very festive with paintings and sculpture indoors, and gorgeous gardens outside! This was, indeed, a momentous occasion!



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NOVEMBER MEETING

Monday, Nov. 10, 1997

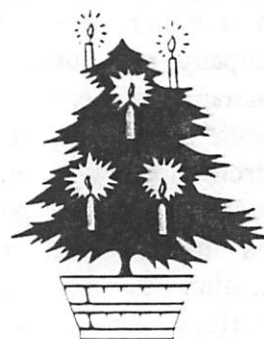
Time: 7:00 pm

Remembering Veterans Day a program has been planned that will feature veterans from three wars who will be speaking about their times in service both in the U.S. and overseas.

Our panel includes:

John Meyer
Bill Sandin
Irvin Peter
Jerry Manley
Eddie Peckels

Come and bring your friends. Perhaps you, too, can add comments and/or ask questions of our panel.



DECEMBER 8th MEETING

Time: 7:00 pm

This program will feature Christmas activities. The program originally scheduled was cancelled and a replacement is being worked on at the present time.

Come for socializing and for holiday refreshments! We hope to have special entertainment for you.

Volunteer of the Year

Fridley Historical Society Volunteer of the Year is **Char Fitzpatrick**. Char was honored at the Annual Meeting in October for her dedication and leadership throughout the many years she has been a member.

She has held many offices: president,

secretary, board member, and curator. In all of these positions she has been an outstanding supporter/contributor of the society. She continues for the next two years on the board as vice-president. What wonderful dedication!

Our heartiest thanks and appreciation for all you have done!

History

HISTORY-Minnesota Regiment

"NARRATIVE OF THE FIRST REGIMENT OF HEAVY ARTILLERY

By Lt. and Adjutant James J. Egan

This regiment commenced its organization in the summer 1864, and as fast as each company was organized was ordered to Chattanooga, Tenn. Sherman has begun his march to the sea, Hood was preparing to march northerly, and Chattanooga thus became a strategic point. General Thomas was in Nashville, overlooking the entire situation and maintaining a large force of artillery at Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga.

The state at this time has an estimated population of 250,000 persons; 25,000 men had enlisted in the Union cause from Minnesota; the frontier had been depopulated by the Sioux outbreak; agriculture was the chief source of livelihood; and it will therefore be readily seen how great the strain upon our young commonwealth to take almost 1,7000 men, its very bone and sinew, from families dependent for support upon their industry and labor. An extraordinary cause justified the demand, and to the last bugle call of their country's cause these men cheerfully responded. Children, families, homes, were left behind, and the South faced--that terrible South where so many had already met death. The cities had been depleted, and the gallant men composing the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery came mainly from the country districts. Intelligent and stalwart, healthy and rugged and inured to toil, they formed splendid material for soldiers. The regiment was composed of twelve companies, each company containing one hundred and forty men, officered by one captain, four lieutenants, and the usual non-commissioned officers. Great care was used by the governor

in selecting such officers, old veteran soldiers being usually selected, sergeants from the veteran First Minnesota and corporals from the Third, Fourth and Fifth being made captains and lieutenants.

When one of the great heroes of Gettysburg, Colonel William Colvill, consented to take charge of the new organization, and the veteran major of the Fourth, L.L. Baxter, his next in rank, was made lieutenant colonel, and Misner of the Third and Eddy of the Fifth and that other gallant veteran from the First Minnesota who had encountered Longstreets's charge at Gettysburg, C. P. Heffelfinger--when these follow as majors, who couldn't say that "Duty well performed, if not success and honor, must follow their regimental banner."

The command is ordered to Chattanooga to take charge of the heavy guns and forts of that place. Under the brow of Missionary Ridge, at the base of Lookout Mountain, and with the battlefields of Chicamauga and Atlanta beyond, what inspiring memories to lofty thought and patriotism! Rumor comes from time to time that Hood is about to march to Chattanooga and thence to Knoxville. The men are placed on half-rations, and the utmost vigilance exerted and anxiety prevails. There was reason for this anxiety. General Hood had reorganized the rebel forces of the South and Southwest, and it was a serious question as to what route he would take north. By attacking and capturing Chattanooga, thence on to Knoxville, he could have joined General Lee and delayed the final result.

The confidence displayed by General Thomas and Stedman, in placing the regiment in so responsible a post, was extremely complimentary. General Thomas Francis Meagher, fresh from the battlefields of Virginia, was given command of the district of Etawah, embracing our post, until the danger was over. The battle of Nashville has

been fought and won; Sherman has reached the Carolinas; Lee has surrendered at Appomattox. The war was practically over, the regiment in the summer and fall of 1865 is finally mustered out. Captain Harvey Officer of St. Paul was honored by being made acting assistant adjutant general of the district. Lieutenant Colonel Baaxter became our colonel, and was, by order of General Thomas, chief of garrison artillery of Chattanooga from March, 1865, until the regiment left for home. Other, by reason of their activity and intelligence, were placed in places of trust and peril, and the regiment, with its career and duty well done and sacrifice endured, merits a name high on the monument that the record of Minnesota soldiers deserves."

Narrative from the book "Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865"

Editor's note: In some early records a John Gotwold was found. His age 31, 1st Regiment Heavy Artillery, Company A, mustered in September 13, 1864, discharged June 12, 1865 at St. Paul, MN

Award to Nina Archabal

At a White House ceremony September 29, 1997 Minnesota Historical Society director Nina Archabal was awarded a National Humanities Medal by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Presenting the award to Archabal, the President said, "To those who know and work with her, she is a fireball who lets no one stand in the way of her mission to preserve Minnesota's history. To the state of Minnesota, she's a bridge builder between native peoples and other Minnesotans, helping them share their stories. To America, she exemplifies

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS

On Saturday, December 13th, 1997 from noon to 3 pm, the kindergarten children from all the schools in Fridley will invite their parents and families to view the artwork each has created in his/her own classroom.

The kindergarten teachers in all the schools have agreed to have their students do art work. When the art work is done they will be picked up by FHS member, Jeanne Peter. (She has been coordinating this project for several years.)

After students have had their pictures taken with their artwork, they and their families will be invited to have refreshments.

If you are able to help with this project, please call Jeanne Peter at 571-8730. Last year there were over 300 students and families who came to the museum. Your help would be most welcome!

how tradition informs everyday life and shapes history. And just this morning she told the President that it was high time he high-tailed it out to Minnesota to see exactly what she was doing."

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which administer the award for the President, pointed out Archabal's accomplishments in helping plan, secure funding for, and see to completion the Minnesota History Center as well as the new Mille Lacs Indian Museum near Onamia.

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HALLOWEEN HAUNTED SCHOOL-HOUSE

Our Haunted School-House on October 24, 25 and 26 was a great success this year! We had 337 children and 171 adults who experienced all the weird and spooky apparitions in place in the building. How different the museum looked from its usual appearance!

It was through the efforts and imagination of two young men, John Fitzpatrick and Steve Asche, who organized all the exhibits, that the Halloween event was made possible. They also directed the young volunteers from the Police Explorers and the Zone for the three nights the Haunted School House was open. John and Steve's work in decorating and readying the building took many, many hours of their 'free time'.

Members of the Society were also a great help in directing customers within the museum on those three busy nights.

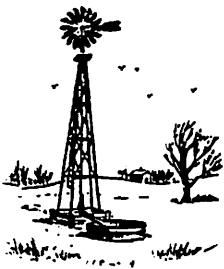
Total funds which came in were \$1186.00!
That is outstanding!

Our most heartfelt thanks to all who participated!

CASINO TRIP - TREASURE ISLAND

Again this month, we will be going to Treasure Island for some fun and games. Date is Wednesday, November 19. The buse leaves from the parking lot across from the community center at 9:00 am and returns about 4:00 pm.

Get your ticket from the Senior Center or call Gloria Hayes at 571-3727.



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