

Tributes Paid To Henry O. Lundene; Newsletter Dedicated To His Memory

By Lorraine Paulson

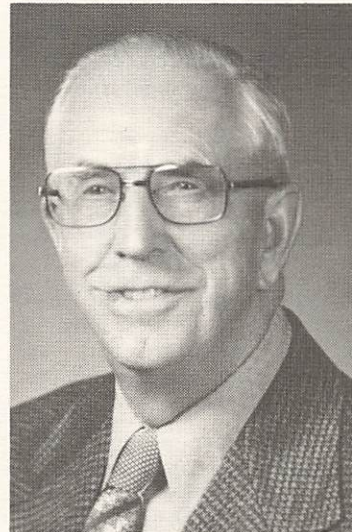
The Walsh County Historical Society and Walsh County suffered a great loss on October 15, 1983, when Henry O. Lundene, Adams, president of the Walsh County Historical Society, died from a heart condition at Unity Hospital in Grafton at the age of seventy-nine. Henry, a retired farmer, was an active citizen and dedicated leader in his church, community, county and the state of North Dakota.

Words seem to be so inadequate at a time like this. At the October 30th meeting of the Walsh County Historical Society a memorial service was held at the Heritage Village in Grafton. At that time the society decided to dedicate this annual newsletter to his memory.

At the Memorial Service for President Lundene at the Heritage Village, Jean Bodmer, secretary of the Walsh County Historical Society, conducted the service. She noted that Henry was instrumental in organizing the historical society in 1967, and served as its first vice-president with Father Hylden as president. Lundene served as the society president in 1970-72, 1975-76 and 1980 until his death. Judge James O'Keefe's image of Henry was

that he was the historical society, a leader with early visions of a county museum, heritage village, ethnic groups, and marking historical sites. In May 1967, Judge O'Keefe presented the constitution and by-laws to the organization so Lundene and O'Keefe shared a common interest for many years, the Walsh County Historical Society. Leonard Fagerholt, Hoople, Chairman of the Walsh County Board of Commissioners said that Henry had made Walsh County a better place to live through his numerous contributions to others. Mayor Warner Taylor, Grafton, stated that Henry was a true artist, he knew the art of leadership, the art of sharing, the art of caring and the art of being involved. Mayor Taylor commented on some of the innumerable projects Henry spearheaded and was involved in to make life better for his fellowman, such as the Silver-Haired Legislature and other senior citizen programs, Farmers Union, Historical Society and Heritage Village.

Ed Gudajtes presented a resolution in honor of Henry Lundene which was adopted and recorded as a permanent record of the society and a copy presented to his wife, Selma. Mrs. James Johnson, Adams, paid tribute to Henry as a friend who offered encouragement and enthusiasm while gathering and writing pioneer histories for the Walsh County Heritage Books, a large project completed in 1981 when volumes three and four were dedicated. The closing remarks by Mrs. Johnson were, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." Paul Hankey, Park River, concluded the service by singing "The Impossible Dream," accompanied on the piano by Helen Schumacher. Roy Mohagen, Grafton, gave the benediction.



Henry O. Lundene
1904-1983

I will try and summarize some of his contributions to the society or our county. Henry attended the organizational meeting of the Walsh County Historical Society on May 7, 1967, prior to that date he had attended special meetings to help lay the ground work for the Walsh County Historical Society. Henry was elected as the

first vice-president and placed on the first committee to mark historical sites in Walsh County. Henry and his wife, Selma, were charter and life members of the society. Other activities Henry helped promote were: tours of various areas of Walsh County, worked to have the rest area on Interstate No. 29 east of Grafton built like a replica of Alexander Henry's Post which was dedicated in 1975, helped build the historical society float which was a replica of the John Bakken sod hut from Silvesta Township, assisted with ethnic programs and displays as well as antique displays at our Walsh County Fair, brought antiques to be sold for the benefit of the society at the annual antique show and sale at the Heritage Village each August, and served on the committee to help plan the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Henry had a dream and was working toward developing a Heritage Village and Ethnic

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Selma and Henry Lundene
Serving at the pancake benefit
meal at the village in 1982.

Homage Paid To Vice President Harry Kohl and Other Former Members

At the November meeting of the Walsh County Historical Society tribute was paid to the vice president of the historical society, Harry Kohl, Minto, who died in November and all other members who died the past year. The following names were read by Jean Bodmer: Herman Schanilec, Sr., Alice Reszka, Steffie Rolzinski and Harry Kohl, Minto; Wm. T. DePuy, who volunteered his legal services to the society for many years, Leroy Stroh, W. J. Johnston, and Luther

Williamson, Grafton; Henry Lundene, Adams; Nora Gryde and Hugo Oberg, Hoople; Lloyd Staven, Park River and Gladys Huseby, Fordville.

Vice president, Harry Kohl, died November 19, 1983, at the Veteran's Hospital, Fargo, from cancer at the age of 63. A resolution written and presented by Charles Stewart was presented to Mrs. Mary Kohl. Harry was active in numerous

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Cora Paulson, left, was presented with a corsage from the historical society by Bertha Jensen.

Cora Paulson Chosen Farm Woman For 1983

Cora Paulson, Hoople, who was nominated by the Walsh County Historical Society was chosen Farm Woman for 1983 at the Walsh County Fair and North Dakota State Potato Show in Park River on October 25. There was twelve nominations and five semi-finalists. Cora has lived on a farm in Walsh County her entire

life and is supportive of the rural way of life. The winner is selected on her involvement in agriculture, church, community and family.

At the October meeting of the Walsh County Historical Society Cora was presented with a corsage from the society.

Harry Kohl

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community activities and in 1981 was named Grafton's Outstanding Citizen by the Chamber of Commerce. He was also serving on the Heritage Village Board.

Mrs. James (Otella) Johnson, Adams, closed the memorial service by reading the following poem written by Otella's mother, Thea Stensland, a former Walsh County resident. She wrote the poem at the age of 85 while a resident in a rest home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

I do not need the best in life
To make me kind and true
To speak a word of kindness
or a friendly deed to do.

I do not need the riches
To make me many friends
A kindly word or out stretched
hand
Will make a heart to mend.

I do not need the power
That men strive so to gain
To lift a hand to help someone
Who has fallen down in pain.

I do not need the best in life
To be what I should be
But I need to know within my
heart

I'm the best that I can be.

God grant me strength this
day, I pray

To do the thing that's right
To show the love in what I do
To make a friends day bright.



Harry Kohl, Minto
1920-1983
Vice President of Walsh County
Historical Society and served on
Heritage Village Board.

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Center for the preservation of the culture of the many ethnic groups that have made our county what it is today. At the time of his death he was president of the Scandinavian Heritage Group in the area.

In the 41st Legislative Session HB 119 was sponsored by Lundene, Berg, Kingsbury and Lillehaugen to secure State School property for the development of a heritage village and ethnic center on the west edge of Grafton. It was signed on March 8, 1969, by Governor Guy and the Walsh County Historical Society now has a 99 year lease on the property.

In the early 1970s Henry was successful in getting the Green Thumb Program into Walsh County. Their first project was that of assisting a small group, headed by Henry, in restoring a pioneer log cabin in the park in Adams in 1972. In the following years the society has had the green thumb workers assisting in various society projects at the county museum in Minto and the heritage village.

Henry proposed a resolution in October 1978 to place St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, on the National Register of Historic Places.

When Henry was re-elected society president and installed in January 1980, his first major project was to update the county history — volumes one and two were dedicated in 1976 — and the day Walsh County celebrated its Centennial on July 26, 1981, volumes three and four were dedicated.

Henry always enjoyed making pancakes so the society started to serve a pancake benefit for the society at the Heritage Village each fall. Every year he helped make pancakes and in 1982 he ordered an automatic pancake dispenser. And, on October 30th this year memorial service for Henry was held following the annual pancake meal.

Some of Henry's other interests were the Walsh County Farmers Union and State Farmers Union. He served on the boards of the Production Credit Association and Nodak Rural Electric. He was a charter member of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Fairdale, charter member of the Adams Senior Citizens Club, first chairman of the Walsh County Senior Citizens Council which he

helped organize, first chairman of the North Dakota Seniors United, represented Walsh County in the North Dakota Silver-Haired Legislature and elected by that group as their president pro-tem, organized the Bell Ringer Drive for funds in the county for mental health and the list could go on and on.

Politics played an important part in Henry's life. He was interested in the social welfare of others. Beginning with the 1937 legislative session, he was employed as a bill clerk in the legislature for seven sessions. In 1962 he was elected to the North Dakota Legislature and re-elected for a total of seven two-year terms. I will always remember my first trip to the state legislature in Bismarck — Henry made it so memorable. For two afternoons I had the opportunity to sit on the floor at his desk in the House and watch him at work — I couldn't go up the stairs into the balcony and he didn't want me to sit in the back so I got to be down where the action was. He took me with to his weekly noon Democratic caucus and who did I end up sitting next to but Governor Link. Late one afternoon Mrs. Lundene invited Jean Bodmer and me to the Governor's mansion for an open-house tea. This is just one of my many pleasant memories of Henry. I have enjoyed working as the corresponding secretary and editor of the newsletter since 1974. I will miss his calls on society matters. Since the society was organized in 1967, Henry and Selma missed very few meetings, but now we will miss Henry. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Selma. Whenever we saw Henry, we generally saw Selma. They had truly been partners during their forty-six years of marriage.

Verse For Henry O. Lundene

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.

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If you're a male farmer with
German blood, the 1980 census
shows that you are in the North
Dakota majority.

Local Woman- - -

Lydia Jackson Is Poet Laureate

After serving many years as co-associate Poet Laureate of North Dakota and later as co-Poet Laureate, Lydia O. Jackson of rural Grafton is now the lone Poet Laureate of North Dakota.

The designation came during the 1983 session of the North Dakota Legislature in a bill which ordained that "Lydia O. Jackson be designated Poet Laureate of North Dakota."

Mrs. Arthur Jackson was first named a co-associate Poet Laureate along with Henry R. Martinson of Fargo in January of 1975.

The two were co-associates while Corbin A. Waldron was the Poet Laureate of the state, an appointment made by the 35th Legislative Assembly.

Waldron died in April of 1978 and in January of 1979 Lydia and Henry Martinson were both named Poet laureates of the state.

Martinson died in November of 1981 and now the State Legislature has named Lydia Jackson as the sole Poet Laureate of North Dakota.

Concurrent Resolution 4055 says the following about Lydia Jackson.

"Lydia O. Jackson, who was born March 5, 1902, in Grafton Township, Walsh County, North Dakota, later taught in a rural school district and married Arthur F. Jackson, is now a highly respected and beloved poet and lifelong resident of the state.

"Lydia O. Jackson is a member of several groups of distinguished poets including the National League of American Pen Women, the Midwest Federation of Chaparral Poets, the American Poetry League, the American Poets Fellowship Society, the Poetry Society of London, the World Poetry Day Association, the World Poetry Society and Centro Sudi E Scambi Internazionali of Rome, Italy.

"Lydia O. Jackson has received numerous awards for her literary work including the Centro Studi E Scambi Internazionali Medal of Honor, the Diploma of Merit-the-Bronze Medal in 1965, the Merit-the-Silver Medal in 1967, an artistic Certificate of Merit in 1968 for her poem entitled "Without

Foundations,' a Certificate of Merit for her poem 'Neil A. Armstrong,' a Diploma Di Benemerenza in 1974 for her contribution to the special issue of Masters of Modern Poetry by Centro Studi E Scambi Internazionali and the National Farmers Union Writers Award in 1950.

"Lydia O. Jackson is the author of several books of poems including 'Rhymes for Every Season' (1943), 'Selected Poems' (1982), and 'Pardon My Gaff' (1965), also compiled a book of poems entitled 'Peace Garden of Verses' (1967), and has written many poems which have particular significance and meanings for the State of North Dakota, including 'Sakakawea in Bronze.'

"Lydia O. Jackson has received the unusual honor and distinction of having her work acclaimed by her contemporaries in the field of poetry, as evidenced by the inclusion of a biographical sketch of her life in the International Who's Who in Poetry on several occasions and as evidenced by her designation as Poet Laureate by the American Poets Fellowship Society in 1972-73 and as evidenced by her designation as Associate Poet Laureate by the 44th Legislative Assembly."

Today, over 1,100 of her poems have been published, many about Walsh County and the Red River Valley.

In 1943 she published her first book of poems entitled "Rhymes for Every Season." She has actively composed poetry since that time.

In 1973 a new monument in the garden plot at Homme Dam, Park River, was put in place by the Agassiz Garden Club.

On the front of the monument is a large plaque on which is engraved her poem titled "Earth is a Stepping Stone."

Once a school teacher, Mrs. Jackson was born March 5, 1902 to Karl Olaf and Inga Schelstad Svarte in Grafton Township. Lydia married Arthur Jackson in 1920.

Lydia and Art Jackson have been residents at the Good Samaritan Home in Park River since this past summer. They are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Elizabeth) Fagerholt, Hoople.



Lydia and Art Jackson

(Lydia is Poet Laureate of North Dakota)

From the hundreds of poems written by Lydia Jackson the two following poems were selected. "Pioneer" is a tribute to Lydia's father-in-law, John P. Jackson, and "Home-Loomed Rugs" is a tribute to her mother-in-law.

Pioneer

You came to the crest of God's virgin hill
And gazed at His splendor,
untrodden — still;
A splendor embossed with
flowers and trees
and soothed by the cradle song
of the breeze.

You cut, from the woodlands,
oak for a home

And sank its stout base in rich
murky loam

You cleared the entangled
prairie of weeds

And planted instead the life-
giving seeds...

The wilderness blossomed
beneath your hand...

To you we give thanks for
Liberty's land!

Home-Loomed Rugs

Grandmother wove upon her
loom

Gay rugs that beautified each
room

Of her vine covered little home
That clung to fragrant, hilltop
loom,

She wove when she had time to
spare —

A moment here — a moment
there.

Thus through good
management and skill,

Accomplishment was her great
thrill

She wove when days were
wind-slashed, cold,

When lamplight spread its
circled gold,

When basswood crackled in the
stove

And youth was her chief
treasure-trove.

She wove from remnants of the
past

Bright scatter rugs — all color-
fast —

That are reminders of her
worth

Her perseverance while on
earth.

University Celebrates Centennial

The University of North Dakota celebrated its centennial in 1983. Did you know that George Walsh, who is known as the father of our Walsh County, is also one of the founders of the University in Grand Forks? Walsh County celebrated their centennial in April with a program and dinner at the American Legion in Grafton.

Museum Enjoys Growing Pains

By Stephanie Prepiora

In 1983, the Walsh County Historical Museum continued to suffer, or is enjoy the right word, rather severe growing pains in the many improvements, additions and changes which took place. In a limited space I will attempt to give a review of some of the highlights of the accomplishments, however, the only way to really know is to come and see for yourself.

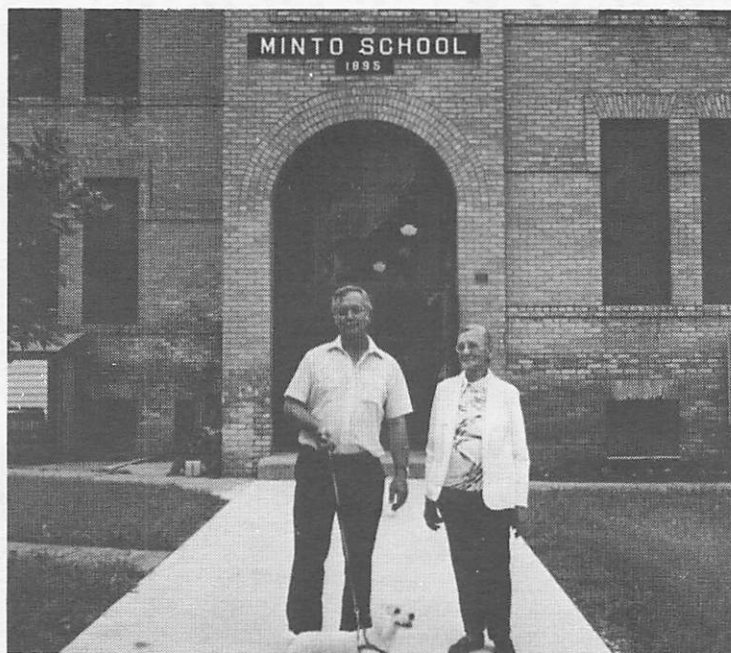
The displays in the wildlife room were enclosed in glass to protect them from dust and excessive handling. In the center area of the room, a large glass enclosed island was built showing wildlife in its natural habitat.

A new display was put in by the Three Rivers Petrology Club showing a great variety of rocks. Their real beauty can best be seen when viewed in the dark room with special lighting which brings out the glow of beautiful colors found in the various rocks. The beauty of the rocks under proper conditions is a revelation to us who are not schooled in petrology and it makes us instant converts to the hobby.

A memorial room in honor of Herman C. Schanilec Sr., who passed away within the year, was sponsored by his family. Because he was a farmer, the theme of the display is an early farmyard scene showing the different members of a family at their farmyard duties as well as the usual animal inhabitants of a farmyard. Mr. Schanilec had served as vice-chairman and director of the museum. He took a keen interest in its growth and contributed much of his time and talents to that effort. We miss him very much.

A late 1800 early 1900 photographers chair was donated to the museum as a memorial to Frank J. Przepiora who was a charter member of the Walsh County Historical Society. He took a keen interest in the development of the museum and during his lifetime donated a 1922 wood threshing machine and other farm articles of historic interest. The chair will be part of the decor of a photographers studio of that era, which is now in the process of being built.

We again enjoyed the many interested and interesting people who came to visit the museum. Besides those who come during regular visiting hours, many others come by special



Frank Schiller, chairman of museum board, and Stephanie Prepiora, volunteer museum curator, in front of the Walsh County Museum in Minto.

appointment as those who live outside of this area but have come to visit relatives and friends also groups such as Homemakers, Senior Citizens and other clubs. As in previous years, it was again our pleasure to welcome over 350 pupils from Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, Manvel, Park River, Pisek and Minto schools who visit the museum yearly in conjunction with their studies of the history of North Dakota.

In order to help assuage the cost of the growing pains, financial sources must be found. This year we were fortunate to receive a grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation, donations from Grafton VFW, Minto American Legion and from a number of individuals. Some revenue was realized by participating with the Heritage Village group in selling chances on a cedar chest and an auction was held on main street in Minto which turned out to be a success. Because of the auction and the many centennial celebrations which took place this year, "Museum Alive" was not held. Plans are underway to repeat it in 1984.

Again we say Thank You to all the wonderful people who participated in so many ways to make this another successful year. We especially thank the volunteers who monitor the museum Sunday afternoons when

it is open during the summer months, also all who sponsored the murals as well as all others who gave unstintingly of themselves to help the museum grow.

County Museum Board: Frank Schiller, Chairman; Carol Tibert, secretary; James Schanilec, treasurer. Directors: Don Rudnik, John Gudajtes, Ed Stoltman, Tony Osowaki, Wen Kennedy; and Stephanie Prepiora (also museum curator).

Heritage Village Holds First Christmas Bonanza

Heritage Village held its first Christmas bonanza on October 15 and 16. Dealers brought their products to show and sell making it easy for the area people to do their shopping under our theatre roof. Taking part in the bonanza were: Marlene Bates and Delores Evenson-Royal American Foods and Amway; Mary Brubakken — Watkins; Emma Lou Minden — Tri-Chem; June Capouch — Sara Coventry; Alice Kringstad and Shirley Burns — Home Interior; Verna and Joan Duray — Neo Life and Merle Norman; Helen Olson — Lund Lites; Hattie Campbell — Bensen Fruit Cakes for the Northern Valley Handicapped Club; BPW — knives; Helene Olson —

Walsh Heritage Books Still Available

If you have not purchased all four volumes of the "Walsh Heritage" books, they are still available.

Volumes one and two sell for \$23.00.

Volumes three and four sell for \$33.00.

(Both amounts include postage. The books can also be purchased at area banks and savings and loans in Walsh County.)

It is through the thousands of hours of volunteer labor that we are able to offer so much history at such a low price. There are thousands of pictures, a total of 2,774 pages in all four volumes, and they are bound with hardcovers.

Volumes one and two were dedicated in 1976 and relate to early history of our county — pioneer families, towns, schools, and churches. Volumes three and four were dedicated in 1981 during the Centennial Celebration of Walsh County. The last two volumes include more recent history.

Books can be ordered from Leonard Jensen, Edinburg, North Dakota, 58227; James Johnson, Adams, North Dakota, 58210; Ed Gudajtes, Minto, 58261; and R. F. "Pete" Matejcek, Lankin, 58250. Pete served as chairman of volumes three and four.

Tupperware; and RaNelle Clow — Mary Kay Cosmetics. The dealers were so pleased that they decided to come again on November 19 with an additional dealer, Ann Hodny — American Crystal Glassware.

Rummage Sales Successful

On May 6, 7 and September 10 rummage sales were held at the village and they were very successful due to the fact that all items were donated by area people. Items left over after our sales were given to missions and the Grafton State School.



Village Kitchen Auxiliary Officers (L. to R.) Connie DeSautel, co-secretary, her sister Carol absent; Eleanor Lerud, vice chairperson; Dorothy Lykken, chairman, and Dorothy Morgan, treasurer, all of Grafton.

Village Kitchen Auxiliary

The Heritage Village kitchen auxiliary was formed on September 19, 1983, for the purpose of serving lunches at village functions with proceeds going for kitchen equipment at the present time.

Members of the auxiliary are still being sought so if you are interested please call Connie or Carol DeSautel at 352-3282 or Dorothy Lykken at 352-0623. Members are asked to help serve or bring food once or twice a year. So far, the kitchen group has served at the Christmas bonanza on October 15 and 16, served the annual pancake, egg and sausage breakfast for the benefit of the village on October 30, and the gun show on December 3 and 4. Auxiliary members also sold chances on an afghan made and donated to the auxiliary by Eleanor Lerud, Grafton, which was won by Teofil Silewski, Grafton. The drawing was held on October 2 over KXPO Radio. Thanks Eleanor for this wonderful donation.

Centennial Spoons Available

A limited number of Walsh County Centennial commemorative spoons remain to be sold. Remember that they will become a collectors items since only 1,600 were purchased and it was the only commemorative item for our centennial in 1981. The spoons sell for \$4.50 if ordered by mail which includes postage, and \$4.00 if purchased at First Federal Savings and Loan in Grafton, or from Bertha Jensen, Edinburg, Beryl White, Park River or Mary

A Call To Membership Renewal

STEPHANIE PREPIORA

January 1, 1984, is membership renewal date in the Walsh County Historical Society! As indicated in the accompanying chart, the 1983 membership grew to a fairly healthy 676 of which 557 were regular, 98 business and four Life members. It takes the concerted effort of a number of dedicated people to achieve this result and by a number of means. A total of 245 of the memberships were collected by members of the society who once a year, for a day or two, sit in the various banking institutions and solicit renewal and new memberships, this represents about 37 percent of the total. The remainder is collected by direct billing as in the case of business memberships (\$10.00), by inserting a reminder and return envelope in the Newsletter, by person to person soliciting and by voluntary renewals (\$3.00), add \$2.00 and receive Heritage Press. We now have 21 Life members (\$100.00) four were added in 1983 to the 17 we previously had. They are Runa G. Monson, Grafton; Carl J. Paulson, Hoople; Mrs. Henry (Selma) Lundene and Mr. Henry O. Lundene, now deceased, both of Adams, N.D. Revenue from memberships is used by the society to help in the development of such projects as the Museum in Minto, Heritage Village in Grafton and other historic areas in the county.

It takes no Einstein to calculate the small amount of revenue realized from the very modest dues but perhaps more than money your support tells us we have your approval and good will and gives us the stimulus to continue our effort to tell the story of the growth and development of Walsh County, OUR VERY OWN HISTORY.

Mail your dues to Stephanie Prepiora, Membership Chairman, Minto, N.D., and in turn your membership card will be mailed to you. Thank you, we know you won't fail us.

Rose Rodriguez, Grafton. Lorraine Paulson is chairperson of the spoon committee. With proceeds from the spoon sales three ceiling fans with lights, and ten large light fixtures were installed in the theatre building at the village in Grafton. Plans are to purchase a free standing and a table top podium for the historical society this winter.

1983 Membership Statistics

| Town | Total | Reg. | Business | Heritage | |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Press | Life |
| Adams | 52 | 48 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Edinburg | 24 | 20 | 4 | 5 | |
| Fairdale | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | |
| Forest River | 32 | 29 | 3 | 14 | |
| Grafton | 287 | 218 | 68 | 72 | 1 |
| Hoople | 18 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Minto | 115 | 103 | 12 | 26 | |
| Park River | 46 | 42 | 4 | 14 | |
| Ardoch | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Pisek | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | |
| Lankin | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | |
| Oakwood | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Out-of-County | 17 | 16 | 1 | 7 | |
| Out-of-State | 20 | 20 | 0 | 9 | |
| | 659 | 557 | 98 | 166 | 4 |
| Previous Life Members | 17 | | | | |
| | 676 | | | | |
| | | \$1,671.00 | \$980.00 | \$332.00 | \$400.00 |

Collected in area banks and savings and loans (March 4 & 5, 1983). 245 which is about 37 percent. Income from all memberships in 1983 was: \$3,051.00.

Heritage Village Happenings

LOIS KIELEY AND MARY ROSE RODRIGUEZ

The Heritage Village has had a very busy year. The board members, Ralph Adamsen, president; Lois Eisenrich, secretary; Jean Bodmer, treasurer; Mary Rose Rodriguez and Lois Kieley, activity directors; Harry Kohl, John Paulson, Dave Droske, Jim Tibert, Bob Burke, John Morgan, Charles Stewart, Charlie Matcha, Wally DeSautel and Kay Vang, directors, saw many improvements — the biggest project was the painting of most all of the buildings by CETA workers. Paint was donated in part by Simonson Lumber, Brodeur Construction, Gambles, Home of Economy and Robertson Lumber.

A sign to advertise events was made by Ernie Martin. Lumber piles by the church and school were cleaned up. A P.A. system was donated and installed by Chuck Thomson and John Morgan. Gaming was started and is now being run at Good Friends and Polly's, Grafton. Lois Kieley is chairperson, John Morgan and Dave Droske also serve on the committee. The caretaker's trailer house was moved to its permanent location west of the

theatre building. The floor in the Mandt Hall was repaired and new lights and fans with lights were installed in the theatre building by Kieley Electric and paid for with proceeds from the sale of the Walsh County Centennial spoons.

The village board would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated items to the village this past year and volunteered their time and labor. And thanks to the city of Grafton for keeping the grounds mowed and looking so nice. We greatly appreciate it.

In December 1982, Simon Mears, Grafton, won the three wheeler when his lucky ticket was drawn. July 1983, the village and museum divided the profit from the sale of tickets on a cedar chest. Connie DeSautel had the lucky ticket.

The village board meets the first Thursday of every month. The planning committee consists of the following: Ralph Adamsen, Jim Tibert, John Paulson, Lois Kieley, Mary Rose Rodriguez and Dave Droske.

Mary Rose Rodriguez and Lois Kieley are co-activity directors at the village and some of the events they planned and assisted with are briefly mentioned in other write-ups in the newsletter.

Ethnic Groups Are Active In County

Walsh County has come to represent the melting pot that became North Dakota. It has a unique United Nations flavor unmatched by other counties in the state. Within the county are distinct concentrations of many of the European groups that came to settle the prairie. The first ripple in the wave of immigrants that came to settle arrived just over a century ago in what is today Walsh County. At that time there was no Walsh County nor a North Dakota but, Dakota Territory.

The organized ethnic groups are branches of the Walsh County Historical Society and work to preserve the culture and traditions of our ancestors.

FRENCH ETHNIC GROUP

By Agnes Bolek

A group of people in the Grafton area decided that it was time the French influence in Walsh County got a bit of recognition. After all, there are ethnic groups or societies of Scandinavians, British Isles, Polish, Germans, to name only a few, all over the state and in our area. But, somehow the French never got their act together in our area — that is, until Agnes Bolek and her sister (nee Gourde) decided that the French roots in the area deserved attention too.

In April 1983, they put a notice in the local paper and drew ten people to their first meeting at the Carnegie Library and since that date they have held six meetings. They call themselves the French Ethnic Group and organized with Agnes Bolek, president; Ted Weisenburger, vice-president; and Cecilia Sass, secretary-treasurer. With each meeting membership grew and their celebration of Bastille Day on July 14 the attendance was up to 26 at a potluck at the Heritage Village.

You don't have to be French to join, but most of the members have some French ancestry, even though it is mixed pretty thoroughly with almost everything else that goes to make up the population. You do not need to speak the French language at all but the parents of most of the members spoke French and those in the group want to keep in touch with their culture. One lady is from Cambodia and has taught French. The members interests are everything French or

French-Canadian — food culture, art, music, and artifacts — with special emphasis on tracing their roots, since they are a branch of the Walsh County Historical Society. At the September meeting at the Heritage Village in Grafton Professor Wynona Wilkins from the UND explained how she had found her father's family in France and built strong bonds of friendship with them since 1969 after nearly 80 years of silence. In October Beverly Coulthart from the Minnesota Historical Society and a former Grafton school teacher told those in attendance how to preserve old photographs. The group also viewed slides on France and Quebec. The French Crepes for lunch were delicious.

In 1984 plan to attend a few of our meetings and remember — you don't need to be French.

BRITISH ISLES

The British Isles Organization had an active year. Since the last newsletter, they sponsored a mini folkarama at the Heritage Village in Grafton, held approximately seven general meetings at Hardees, Heritage Village, Carnegie Library and Arliano's Pizza. The Annual Robert Burns Dinner was held in Park River and the Annual Emerald Isle Dinner at the VFW in Grafton. The groups also served at several events at the Heritage Village and sold chances on a cordless telephone which was won by Rodger Gaarder, Park River, at the Emerald Isle Dinner. Renew your yearly membership in the British Isles group, attend meetings and their many special events in 1984.

MINI FOLKARAMA

The British Isles Organization held a folkarama at the Heritage Village Theatre on Sunday, December 5, 1982, from 1-5 p.m. and was attended by several hundred which was a capacity crowd for the building. The weather certainly cooperated with temperatures in the low 40s. There was food with a foreign flair, served by people in national costumes. Guests picked up a passport at the door and it served as a guide to nationality foods from numerous countries of the world and a schedule of the entertainment for the afternoon.

At the door you could register for door prizes which were dolls



Lloyd and Helen Hilde in their Norwegian costumes along with Ethel Vejtasa, Adams, at the folkarama. They entertained the people with Scandinavian music during the afternoon.

in native costumes. The adventure in eating could be with Soup aux Pois at the French table, S kyr, Vinarterta, or Ponnukukur at the Icelandic table, Krum Kake and Berlinakransa at the

Scandinavian table, Lumpia Goreng at the Oriental table, while haggis, potatoes with toppings, and a toast from the Wassail Bowl might satisfy an appetite from the British Isles. Polish sausage and sauerkraut,



Left to right, Ora Marie Stewart coordinator of the folkarama, Father Wm. Sherman, Grand Forks, spoke on the topic "Walsh County's Colorful Nationalities of the Past," Celeste Flanagan in an Icelandic costume, Jean Bodmer from the British Isles group and Lorraine Paulson, seated, from the Scandinavian group at the folkarama.

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tacos, and Kolaches could be found on other tables set-up along the walls of the theatre building. There was a small charge for each item you wanted to eat and no one left the village that day feeling hungry.

Entertainment was provided throughout the afternoon. Some of the numbers were: "Girls, Girls, Girls," a musical salute to Broadway leading ladies such as Orphan Annie, Sweet Georgia Brown, and Mame by a group of ladies from Grafton. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olafson, Gardar, sang an Icelandic duet, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hilde, Adams, presented Norwegian music, groups from the Grafton High School and the University of North Dakota provided entertainment — music and dance numbers, travel films and other ethnic numbers filled the afternoon's entertainment.

Chris Paustian was emcee during the afternoon. Father William Sherman from Grand Forks spoke on Walsh County's colorful nationalities. He recently published a book entitled, "Prairie Mosaic: An Ethnic Atlas of Rural North Dakota." Mrs. Don Folsom, Hoople, displayed her doll collection dressed in native costumes of many countries of the world. Agnes Bolek gave a historical account on the French Canadians in Walsh County.

The afternoon provided a short trip around the world. Ora and Charles Stewart, coordinated the folkarama assisted by Margaret and Jerry Bruce, co-presidents of the organization, as well as dozen of other volunteers who made the event such a success. Another folkarama is planned for the village in June 1984.

ROBERT BURNS DINNER

The Annual Bobby Burns Dinner was held at the Alexander House in Park River on January 25, 1983. The menu consisted of haggis, roast beef and potatoes, vegetable, popovers, Scotch pudding and coffee or tea. Chairpersons of the event were Floris and David Ford, Park River. The welcome was extended by Larry Lewis, MC.; response from Margaret Bruce; toast Arden Burbidge; table prayer, Jerry Bruce; piping in the haggis by Ora Stewart and Sharlene Zenk with address to a haggis by Jerry Bruce. Donna Woods led the group in singing "Comin' thru the Rye," and "Auld Lange Syne" followed by a

monologue by Ted Torgerson. Scotland, a separate way of life, was given by Ora and Charles Stewart and Gene Lusty closed the program with Giftee Gee Us.

At the Burn's Dinner new officers were chosen for 1983 and they are as follows: Lu and Gene Lusty, co-presidents; Edith and Harold Harris, co-vice presidents; and Effie Lindgren, treasurer, all of Park River.

EMERALD ISLE DINNER

It was the night of the wearing of the green when the fourth annual Emerald Isle dinner was held at the VFW Clubrooms in Grafton on March 19, 1983. Serving as co-chairpersons of the event were Dorothy Lykken and Mary Rose Rodriguez assisted by the new co-presidents, Lu and Gene Lusty, and other members of the organization.

Serving as master of ceremonies were Terry Henriksen, Grafton. The welcome was extended by Gene Lusty followed by the Irish Blessing from Henry Lundene, Walsh County Historical Society President. A skit was presented by Joanie Moe and Chris Paustian, Grafton, followed by Irish musical selections by the Accidentals, a local musical group, and Ann Presteng played several jigs on the violin. Margaret Bruce conducted the Irish Sweepstakes Walsh County Style and several lucky winners received lovely gifts donated by merchants in Grafton. Helen Bjorneby, Hoople, catered the delicious meal of Mulligan Stew, roast turkey and all the trimmings. (I don't feel I did justice to the British Isles Organization for the wonderful activities they planned the past year, but since no report was turned in for the newsletter, I tried to do my best as editor to include a report.)

SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE GROUP

The Scandinavian Heritage Group held a re-organizational meeting on September 22, 1983, at the Heritage Village in Grafton with 20 in attendance. The group had been inactive for over two years and interest was shown in re-activating the organization. President Henry Lundene felt that a new chairperson should be elected due to his health. The last meeting had been held in August 1981 when the Girls' Choir from Eidsvol, Norway, appeared in



Left to right, Agnes and Henry Bolek, Grafton, assisted at the French table, Steve Mozinski, Warsaw, helped serve Polish sausage and sauerkraut, and Celeste Flanagan, Grafton, assisted at the Icelandic table.

concert at the village. The organization began as the Norwegian Heritage group and later other Scandinavian groups joined so it became the Scandinavian Heritage group and Mr. Lundene was the first president.

The Scandinavian Heritage group paid for the ethnic flags and the coat of arms for the Scandinavian Countries for the theatre building. In the late 1970s when the group was first organized Nora Gryde and Julia Gryde Lundgren donated \$400 which had been allocated to move a log house from their farm to the village and since it was destroyed by fire before it could be moved the funds were designated by the Gryde Family to go to the Scandinavian Heritage Group. Oscar and Josie Sunderland also contributed \$70 from an open house at their private museum in Adams several years ago.

The present officers are: Co-chairmen — Edith Coulthart and Ruth Holt, Grafton; Co-vice chairman and membership — Alida Goodman and Eleanore Clark, Grafton; Treasurer — Otella Johnson, Adams; Secretary — Lorraine Paulson, Hoople.

The main project of the group at the present is the Landstad Church at the village. The village board asked the Scandinavian group to oversee the church and report any repairs needed, keep it clean and be in attendance when the village has open house. Now plans are being made for folkarama next June at the village. The October meeting of the society was held at the village

with Ethel and Roy Mohagen hosting the group, and the November meeting was held at the home of Edith Coulthart in Grafton with Alida Goodman assisting hostess.

Anyone interested in belonging to the Scandinavian group can send or give their yearly dues of \$1.00 to any of the officers or the membership co-chairpersons.

ICELANDIC ETHNIC REPORT By MARGARET THOMASSON

Elections held for the Icelandic Heritage Club held in April resulted in the following officers for the year May 1983-May 1984:

President and Hospitality Chairman, Lillian Wild; Vice President and Program Chairman, Nicholas Hall; Recording Secretary and Librarian, Margaret Thomasson; Corresponding Secretary and Public Relations Chairman, Donna Stark; Treasurer and Membership Chairman, Celeste Flanagan; Director for three years, Margaret Thomasson; Holdover Directors are Vic Johnson for one year and Lynn Flanagan for 2 years.

Some of our club members sang in the Icelandic choir which participated in the University of North Dakota Centennial on June 19 at Grand Forks, N.D.

We held our annual potluck picnic at Heritage Village in August this year. Invitations were issued to the Fargo-Moorhead and to the Grand Forks clubs as well as to all others of Icelandic heritage.

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St. Andrews: A Ghost Town On The Red

(Written by Amy Jo Stewart, Grafton, daughter of Ora and Charles Stewart, when she was thirteen years of age.)

With the westward movement of settlers, steamboats appeared on the Red River. As the steamboats wound their way along the river, they would stop occasionally to gather more wood for fuel. Soon these regular wood stations became embarkation points for settlers and freight stations.

One of these stops was made at a little, almost forgotten town called St. Andrews, located in present Walsh County where the Park River flows into the Red.

It was supposedly named after St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, the home of many of the early settlers.

Two of the original settlers of St. Andrews were Ira and Charles Finkle, Irish Protestants, who lived in a dugout in the bank of the Red River their first winter here in 1879. Mike McGrath was also one of the first settlers. Today his house is the only building left standing on the site of the old river town.

In 1880, the Red River Transportation Company laid out and named the townsite of St. Andrews. The same year on October 20, 1880, the post office was established.

Would you take a walk with me back through history to Center Street of St. Andrews, in the early 1880s when the town was growing rapidly?

On the north side of the street is a branch of the L. E. Booker store of Pembina, which also houses the post office. Lewis E. Booker runs the store and has been appointed postmaster. Past the blacksmith's shop is the hotel where Octiave Collette, the proprietor, stands greeting his guests. At the Book Brother's lumberyard, Louis Brunn, the manager, is helping a homesteader load his wagon with building materials.

Did you hear that — a deep, lonely sound, the same as when you blow into a bottle? The steamboat is coming! Let's go meet it down on the levee.

It's the S.S. Selkirk with its skipper, Captain Alec Griggs, at

the wheel, and his wife, Ettie, right beside him smoking her corncob pipe. Word's been going around town that Mrs. Griggs threw a bowl of mashed potatoes at her husband while they were dining in the salon of the ship, but knowing her bad temper, it didn't surprise too many people. Captain Griggs joked later that it had missed him and hit the wall.

Leaving the 1880s and journeying into the early 1900s, we find St. Andrews quite changed. The post office, which was run by Lewis E. Booker, was discontinued July 28, 1891, and the mail was sent to Drayton. It was reestablished on September 9, 1892.

Now let's take that same walk back through history except this time in the early 1900s.

The only place of business left is a small store run by Thomas Mahoney. His family is neatly situated on the second floor. Although his store is quite small, it has all the necessary items and a few luxuries. There are boxes of prunes, peaches, apricots, and the store even boasts of a telephone! Sometimes Ed Herdges brings his phonograph to the store so people can listen to the crackly music of the round cylinder.

In the back of the store is a little post office of which Thomas Mahoney is postmaster. Mail is delivered three times a week by stage coach.

It is said, even though the state is dry, Minnesota Thirteen can be had at St. Andrews if you know the right person.

Ed Herdges, Mike McGrath, George Marshel, the Iver Jenson family, the Finkle family, and a few others still live here, but the railroad is making its way up north, taking the river towns' business with it, and St. Andrews is beginning to die.

Come on a ferry ride across the river and back. I'm sure Ed Herdges will give us one. The ferry isn't anything fancy; it's just a barge-like boat, which is cranked across the river on a cable which is anchored to the opposite shore.

Those two fishermen over there are Iver Jenson and Mr. Vallen. If you want to buy some fish from



Wedding Anniversary Observed

Bertha and Leonard Jensen, Edinburg, were honored by the Walsh County Historical Society on Sunday, November 27, at the county courthouse in Grafton, on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. A decorated anniversary cake centered the serving table. Bertha is holding the Christmas centerpiece which was a gift to the honored couple.

Leonard has served as society treasurer since 1974. Bertha has been assisting with the sale of the Walsh County Centennial spoons and they have been packing and mailing the Walsh Heritage books from their home.

them, the price is one cent a pound. If you want the fish delivered to your house in the country, the cost is four cents a pound.

The children's favorite playground is a cluster of fallen logs which some people believe are the ruins of Alexander Henry's fur trading post, built in 1800, by the Northwest Fur Trading Company.

The St. Andrews post office hasn't been in operation since November 30, 1903. The store and a few houses were maintained for a time, but soon they too disappeared.

When the Minnesota railroad was completed to Winnipeg, Alec Griggs' steamboats were moved to Watchee, Washington, where they ran on the Columbia River.

The whistle of the steamboat will never again be heard in St. Andrews. The only sound is of the lonely prairie wind as it blows through the abandoned house of Mike McGrath, which stands like a silent sentinel upon the vastness of the prairie.

Golden grains now cover years of golden memories for those who have lived in this ghost town of the Red.

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Glenn and Mae Welter entertained with accordian and guitar music.

Our first annual Fall Festival Fun Night was held in the basement of the American Legion Club the evening of November 4. Invitations had been issued to the Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks clubs and to the Icelandic communities of the area. We hosted a hors d'oeuvres table, punch and coffee. We had guests from the Fargo-Moorhead and Cavalier-Neche areas. During the evening we had drawings for the following: an Icelandic wool cap, a T-shirt with an Icelandic motif, and three pins featuring the Icelandic and American flags.

Our membership is open to anyone of Icelandic heritage. Membership dues are: Family — \$10.00; Single \$5.00; Seniors 62 and over — Single \$3.00; Family \$5.00. We welcome membership from all areas.

1983 Historical Society Summary

The annual meeting of the Walsh County Historical Society was held on January 30 at the Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton, with a potluck lunch. The following officers were installed: Henry Lundene, Adams, president; Harry Kohl, Minto, vice president; Jean Bodmer, Grafton, recording secretary; Lorraine Paulson, Hoople, corresponding secretary; Leonard Jensen, Edinburg, treasurer. Directors are: Mary Rose Rodriguez, Roy Mohagen and Kay Vang, Grafton; Ed Gudajtes and Stephanie Prepiora, Minto; Harold Harris and Gladys Lewis, Park River; Denis Monson, Edinburg and John Paulson, Hoople.

Members paid tribute to Miss Nora Gryde, Hoople, who was an active member of our society and died in Florida in December. She had served as vice chairperson of volumes one and two of the Walsh Heritage books and had served as corresponding secretary. Kenneth Colter, Grafton, who wrote two articles for our last newsletter — Red River Oxcart and Steamboats on the Red — died before the newsletter was published in December 1982.

Otella Johnson, Adams, has updated the society scrapbook with detailed accounts of the historical society beginning with 1967 and the books will be placed in the Carnegie Regional Library in Grafton. Now Marie Hove, Grafton, is in charge of the scrapbooks.

A new committee known as the development foundation committee has been formed by the society with Jim Tibert, Grafton, chairman. The committee will search out grants, gifts and contributions which includes articles as well.

The annual Robert Burns Program and Dinner was held in Park River.

At the February meeting Jon McMillian, Fordville, spoke on the Fordville Mounds at the monthly meeting at the courthouse in Grafton.

Plans were made for the annual membership drive for March when tables will be set-up in various banks and savings and loan associations throughout the county.

The March meeting was held at the Sr. Citizen's Center in Minto with a group of women from

Minto area serving as hostesses. Stephanie Prepiora, membership chairperson, announced that the society already has 600 paid memberships so far for 1983, the first new life member for '83 was Mrs. Runa Monson, Grafton. The group toured the museum following the meeting.

In March the Emerald Isle Program and Dinner was held at the V.F.W. in Grafton.

The April meeting was held at the Heritage Village with a potluck lunch. Bob Vaudrin, Grafton, displayed and told about his bottle collection. Selma and Henry Lundene are both new life members of the society. The society decided to sell chances on a homemade cedar chest which was won by Connie DeSautel, Grafton, in July. The three-wheeler given away in December 1982 was won by Simon Mears, Grafton.

The May meeting was held at the village with a potluck lunch. During the year, several activities were held at the village such as a rummage sale in May and September, rock and gem show, toy show, Christmas bonanza where distributors could display and sell their products, gun show, and the annual antique show and sale.

On Memorial weekend the County Museum opened for the summer months. A white elephant auction was held in Minto in June for the benefit of the county museum. The Annual Threshing and Pioneer Machinery Show sponsored by the Northeast North Dakota Pioneer Machinery Association was held on the county extension farm on the west edge of Park River on August 28.

The society did not meet during the summer months of June, July and August but many other events were scheduled.

In September the final payment was made on the Walsh Heritage books — volumes three and four. A new life member (fourth for the year) was Carl J. Paulson, Hoople, a gift from his daughter for his 98th birthday.

In September The Heritage Village kitchen auxiliary was organized with Dorothy Lykken as chairperson.

On October 25 my mother, Cora Paulson, was chosen as "Walsh County Farm Woman of the Year" at the Walsh County Fair



1984 officers: left to right, seated, Mary Kennedy, treasurer; Lorraine Paulson, corresponding secretary; Jean Bodmer, recording secretary; standing, left to right, Charles Stewart, vice president, and Ed Gudajtes, president.

and North Dakota State Potato Show in Park River. She was sponsored by the Walsh County Historical Society.

On October 30 the annual pancake, sausage and egg benefit meal was held at the village with the auxiliary in charge followed by a memorial service for the society president, Henry Lundene.

The November meeting was held at the county courthouse with election of officers for 1984: Ed Gudajtes, Minto, president; Charles Stewart, Grafton, vice president; Mary Kennedy, Minto, treasurer; Jean Bodmer, Grafton, recording secretary; Lorraine Paulson, Hoople, corresponding secretary. Directors are Leonard Jensen, Edinburg, replaces Denis Monson; Harvey Lykken, Adams, replaces Harold Harris; Mary Rose Rodriguez, Grafton, re-elected to a second term; Jim Johnson, Adams, replaced Ed Gudajtes who became president. Hold-over directors are Roy Mohagen and Kay Vang, Grafton; John Paulson, Hoople; Gladys Lewis, Park River.

Tribute was paid to the late Harry Kohl, Minto, who was serving as vice president of the historical society at the time of his death. He was also serving on the Walsh Heritage Village Board.

Leonard and Bertha Jensen, Edinburg, were honored on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. Leonard has been serving as a treasurer of the Historical Society since 1974.

On October 15 our society and the entire county suffered a great loss when our beloved president, Henry Lundene, died from a heart condition. Only a few weeks earlier he had presided at our September meeting. The Historical Society honored Henry at a memorial service at the Heritage Village at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 30. This newsletter is dedicated to his memory. He was instrumental in organizing the Walsh County Historical Society and served as the first vice president, president from 1970-72, and 1975-76, and 1980 up until his death. When I was going through some of our old newsletters, I came upon the closing remarks which President Lundene gave in December 1976 as he was retiring from the presidency only to be re-elected again in 1980. I feel, it is appropriate to print them again as a reminder. I thought, it was so appropriate when Paul Hankey sang "The Impossible Dream" at his memorial service at the village. It brought back memories of his remarks in '76.

"SEES DREAMS BECOMING REALITY"

In summation Henry sees dreams becoming a reality but there are still dreams for the future, which aren't impossible. Henry quoted Martin Luther King from a speech he delivered at the Jefferson Memorial when King said, "I too have dreams — challenging dreams but no more impossible than the tremendous tasks we already have behind us.

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Reality is apparent in establishing the Walsh Heritage Village in Grafton. We dream of the completion of the community center being planned in our ethnic village and dreams of the development of ethnic areas within this park where nationalities can demonstrate or display some of their heritage of their forefathers of which they can be justly proud.

I speculate on what more fantastic improvements will be made in our county museum in Minto to keep pace with what has already been accomplished.

"Walsh Heritage" books completed!!! This was an enormous project and thousands of hours of volunteer work went into these two volumes — 1,200 pages in hard covers with hundreds of pictures and histories of families, towns, schools, churches, villages and etc., in our county. Now I dream of book number three as a supplement to these heritage books.

I dream of having markers erected in many places where the

pioneers made history in Walsh County and this includes post offices, schools, stores and etc. I would also like to see the descendants of original homesteaders have their farms marked or designated as pioneer one family farms.

The accomplishments are the result of dedicated members, committee members, officers and the general support of the public.

Henry closed by stating "I would be something less than normal if I were not extremely proud and gratified in the progress our Walsh County Historical Society has made during the past two years and naturally I am happy I have been part of it." His closing sentence gives us all so much to contemplate and it is as follows: "Before I have you in dreamland I will close this rather lengthy observation of our organization that has grown very important to many of us and I surely hope and pray that it will not die with the generation that created it."

Antique Show Held At Heritage Village Theater

The 5th annual antique show was held at the Heritage Village Theater building August 19th and 20th, 1983.

Eight dealers participated in the show. They were from Alborn, MN, Owatonna, MN, Crookston, MN, Grand Forks, ND, Manvel and Grafton, ND, Thief River Falls, MN. Henry Lundene, Society president also had a table.

There was a good selection of antiques. Two dealers had a good furniture selection. There was colored and pattern glass. Depression glass, primitives and various collectibles. There was

something available for every collector. Dolls were shown more than previously.

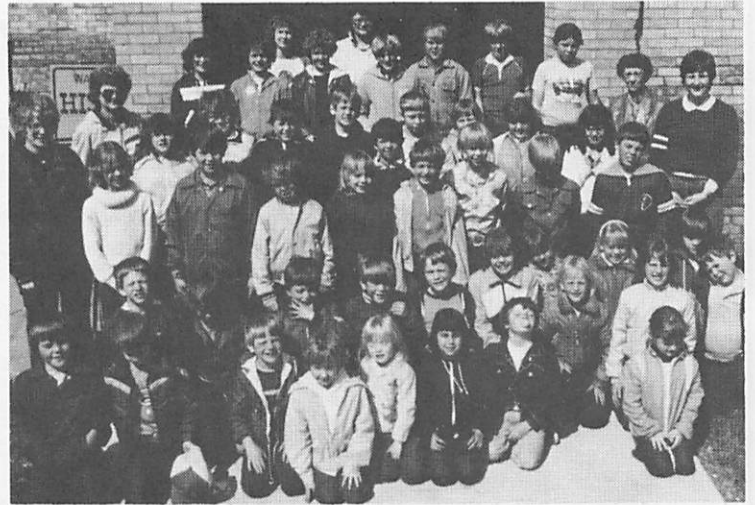
One dealer belongs to the Blue Willow Collectors Association and had a large display of Blue Willow for sale.

One dealer specialized in "Tea Leaf Lustre" and is a member of the Tea Leaf Collectors Association in America.

Refreshments were served throughout the show. Net proceeds were about \$600.00. Good attendance. Jean Bodmer and Kay Vang were in charge of the show.



Antique Show and Sale at Village.



Grades 1-6 from the Pisek School toured the county museum in Minto in May 1983. They were accompanied by their teachers, several mothers and the bus driver. They enjoyed a picnic in the Minto Park and played games following the interesting and educational tour of the museum.



Exhibitors at the Rock and Gem Show in Grafton in May toured County Museum in Minto.

Volunteer Guides Are Needed At Museum

By Stephanie Prepiora

During the summer season, which extends from Memorial Day through Labor Day, the museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. to the visiting public. It is necessary that someone be there during this time and in recent years members of the Walsh County Historical Society have volunteered their services to act as guides. At this time we are seeking volunteers for the 1984 summer season. This is indeed a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon as is attested to by those who have done so in the past. It gives you an opportunity

to better learn the vast contents of historic value displayed in the museum, and since you do not work alone, it gives you an opportunity to become better acquainted with other members of the organization as well as to meet the many interesting people who come to view the museum. Why not spend a rewarding Sunday afternoon by being one of the volunteers, simply submit your name and the Sunday of your choice to work to Stephanie Prepiora, Minto, N.D. Should you find later that you have a conflict either get a replacement of your choice or notify Stephanie.



Capacity crowd attends centennial.

St. Stanislaus Congregation Celebrates Centennial

In August 1979, the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Warsaw, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. On July 2 and 3, 1983, St. Stanislaus celebrated their centennial. The gothic style old brick structure with the beautiful stained glass windows can be seen for miles across the prairie. The main steeple is 143 feet to the top of the cross and the church is 137 feet long. It was one of the largest structures of its kind in North Dakota. Some 400 loads of bricks, sand and gravel were

hauled to the site in Warsaw to build this church. The parishioners used horse-drawn wagons and shoveled the gravel and loaded the bricks by hand. The Minto Brick Company provided much of the bricks for the cathedral.

The first church for the congregation was built and occupied by October 17, 1883, and it was enlarged in 1886. The cornerstone for the present church was laid in 1900 when the church was completed in 1901 it was destined to serve then the largest congregation in the state, some over 300 families and 1,800 souls. Four thousand people assembled for the dedication

ceremonies in 1901. The Bishop of Fargo assisted by over 50 priests. When completed, it was completely free of debt, \$50,000.

In 1978 major repair work was done on the church at a cost of \$113,000 and the work was completed in September and on October 19, 1978, the church was

damaged by fire at an estimated cost of \$350,000. Through prayer, hard work and sacrifice of many the church was restored and is more magnificent than ever. The congregation still serves 170 families and Rev. Stanislaus J. Duda serves as parish priest.

Gun Show Held

On December 3 and 4 a gun show was held at the Heritage Village. There were fifty-six tables where you could buy, sell or swap. Tables were filled with all types of guns. Spearheading the show were Lyle Williamson, Glasston, and Ralph Fredrickson, Grafton. Managing the show was Charles Stewart, Grafton, assisted by Mary Rose Rodriguez and Lois Kieley, activity directors at the village. Lunch was served by the village auxiliary. Since the show was so well received, another gun show is planned for the spring of 1984.

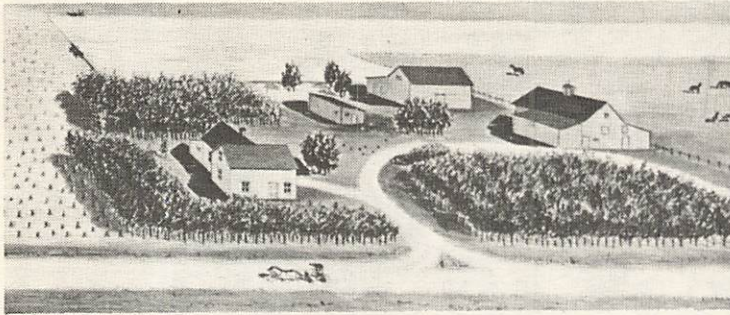
Rock and Gem Show Held At Heritage Village

On May 14 and 15 the Petrology Club sponsored a Rock and Gem Show at the village and they plan to make this an annual event. The Rock and Gem Show was a real eye opener to all who came. It was hard to realize all the beautiful things made from rocks.



Mr. and Mrs. John Bergman, Langdon, with their display at the Rock and Gem Show at the Heritage Village.

Fourth Governor of N.D. Walsh County Resident



Thanks to Nellie and Jens Torkelson for the picture or sketch of the former Governor Roger Allin's homestead in Fertile Township.

(As editor of the annual newsletter, I hope to gather information on former well-known residents of our county and I will begin with a brief history of a former governor of our state who lived and owned a farm in Fertile Township.)

Roger Allin who homesteaded in Fertile Township Section 22, eight miles west of Grafton was elected Governor of North Dakota in 1894, and held that office for two years. He was born in England, December 18, 1848, and spent his early years in Columbus, Ontario, Canada, later moving to Michigan and in 1881 to Walsh County. In April 1881 he filed on a homestead in Fertile Township where he continued to make his home until 1907 when he moved to Park River. A sod shanty was his first home on the claim. Upon the organization of Fertile Township in 1882, he was elected justice of the peace and held office continuously thereafter until his retirement from the gubernatorial chair. In 1886 he was elected a member of the territorial council and was re-elected in 1888. When the constitutional convention was called to write basic laws for the new state of North Dakota, Mr. Allin was elected a member of that body.

With the formation of the state, Mr. Allin was chosen as the state senator from his district. Two years later he was elected lieutenant governor. When Mr. Allin reached the top position in our state in 1894, the Republican Governor served during the years of 1895 and 1896.

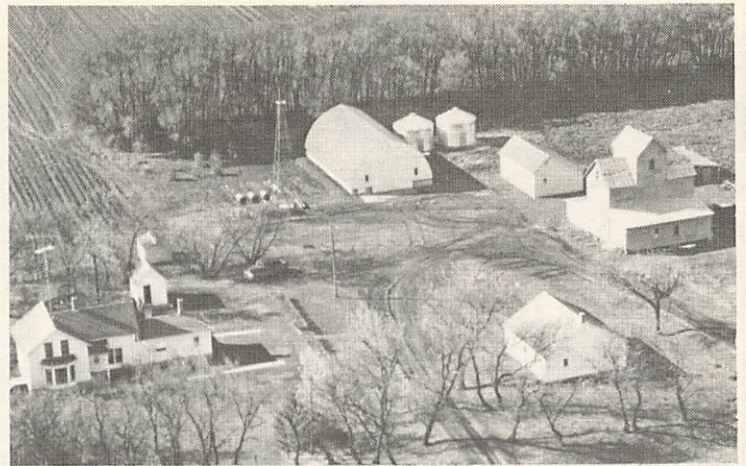
Roger Allin was married to Miss Isabella McKenzie, native of Ontario, Canada, in Grand Forks on March 22, 1882, and she died in 1911. Their only daughter died in infancy at ten days of age.

Roger Allin later married Miss Annie McKenzie, a niece of Isabella.

Through much of her life Mrs. Allin (Isabella) was in frail health. Isabella's sister, Agnes McKenzie, lived with them much of the time to assist her and she carried a good share of the responsibilities by entertaining guests and handling many of the other duties of a first lady. After Isabella or Mrs. Roger Allin's death, her sister Agnes continued to reside in the Allin household but her health began to fail and a niece, Anna McKenzie, moved to Park River to care for her and the former Governor Allin who were living in Park River. Anna was born in Ontario, Canada, on July 31, 1872, and moved to Flushing, Michigan, with her family in 1879. She lived in Flushing until coming to North Dakota. Anna McKenzie and Mr. Allin were married on May 1, 1918. She was 45 years of age and the governor was 69 years of age. Agnes continued to live in the Allin household until her death in 1921. The former governor died at the age of 87 on January 1, 1936, in Park River. On September 28 of that year the second Mrs. Allin married Cyrus Newell, a native of Flushing, and the couple made their home in Park River until his death in 1940. In 1942 the second Mrs. Allin or Anna and another sister, Mrs. Mary Cates moved to Flint, Michigan, to live with Mrs. Cates' daughter, Norma. Anna

Toy Show Held

On June 11 and 12 a toy show was held at the Heritage Village. Some individuals only showed their toy collections while others sold and swapped. The next toy show is planned for February 25th and 26th, 1984, at the Village.



An aerial view of the farm of Jens and Nellie Torkelson, taken in the mid 1950s. The Torkelsons still live in the original Allin Home.

died in 1943 at the age of 71.

Roger Allin, with Rev. McKay, a pioneer minister, organized the Presbyterian Church in Park River. Originally the church was built at Kensington, about three miles east of the present site of

Park River, but was later moved to Park River.

The former Governor Allin farm is now owned by Nellie and Jens Torkelson, rural Grafton, and they still live in the original house built by Roger Allin.

Heritage Press Available

Are you looking for a good bargain? You can receive the Red River Valley Heritage Press for only \$2.00 when you pay your \$3.00 dues to the Walsh County Historical Society.

By paying \$5.00 you will be a member of the county historical society and receive the monthly Heritage Press which is a newspaper published in Moorhead.

Time To Renew 1984 Memberships

Renew your 1984 memberships. We would appreciate it very much if you would take a few minutes of your time to mail your yearly dues and in turn, you will receive your membership card.

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