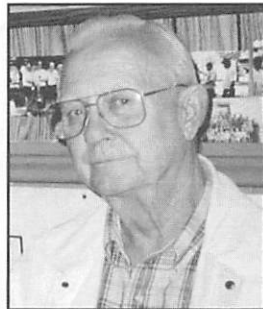




Schiller's Dedication Will Be Missed

The Walsh County Historical Museum lost a long-time volunteer, passionate supporter, former chairman, and present curator/manager on November 26, 2002, when Frank Schiller, Minto, died at the age of 72 from cancer.



Frank Schiller at museum on August 18, 2002.

Frank will be remembered by his many friends and associates as a man who devoted countless hours to the development and promotion of the museum in Minto. He was instrumental in creating many of the historical displays in the museum and delighted in leading tours of school students, organizations or individuals who came to the museum. Frank, a

retired farmer, was chosen chairman in 1975 and continued in that capacity until he became curator/manager in 1993. The museum was dedicated in July 1976 after being organized in 1970. Frank began constructing the blacksmith shop by 1977-78 and the following year worked on main street. He was a tireless promoter of "Museum Alive" and was instrumental in the first such event in 1979. In 1994 at "Museum Alive," Frank was honored for his unselfish dedication.

Frank and his wife, Phyllis, enjoyed collecting and looking for antiques and she was his greatest supporter. Over the years he was always looking for new and innovative ways to encourage interest in the history of Walsh County and North Dakota. Frank had dreams and plans for the county museum in Minto - may they continue.

'Museum Alive' Planned For June 29, 2003

The Walsh County Historical Museum in Minto will open once again in 2003 with school tours and Sunday openings. This season's highlight will be an exciting Museum Alive including an antique parade.

Museum Alive will be held Sunday, June 29, 2003. The parade will begin at 1:00 pm and the museum will open at 2:00 p.m. The museum will be host to approximately 10 new attractions since our last Museum Alive in 2000, the latest being the fire truck display. We are looking forward to a very exciting, fun-filled day with exhibits for all ages.

The last two seasons have been busy with roof repair. The main building was in dire need of a new roof and the south side of the gym needed new siding. Total cost was approximately \$32,000.

This past year we have had two fundraisers to help defer the repair costs. Last February we had a calendar draw, and this past fall we had a chili cook-off. These two events brought in approximately \$4,300.



Lone Wolf display at museum.

School and other group tours will begin in May by appointment. To make an appointment call 248-3840 or 248-3294. Sunday openings will be held every Sunday, June through August, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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~ Centenarians in Walsh County ~

Isabel Klave, Minto, age 101, born Oct. 29, 1901, resident at Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton.

Lillian Torblaa, Grafton, age 101, born December 25, 1901, resident at Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton.

Frank Wysocki, age 103, born January 13, 1899, lives

with his son, Francis, in Minto.

Centenarian deaths: Ingelborg Erickson, Adams, age 102, died January 16, 2002 at Good Samaritan Home, Park River, and John Hosna, Adams, age 100, died November 27, 2002 at Good Samaritan Home, Park River.

Activities at Elmwood

The focus this year at Elmwood has been landscaping and the flower gardens. The addition of Judy Evens to the Elmwood board resulted in a major riverbank clean up by 20 plus volunteers in early May. Areas of the lawn were then extended to the river and grass and trees were planted. The carport (not an original part of the house) was removed and the east side of the house was developed into a perennial flower garden. Eleanor Iverson, Morris Evens, Chad Ruzicka and Judy were the major players in this project. The flowerpots on the west side were artfully filled and arranged with annuals. By next spring flowers will be blooming along the split rail fence that borders the road leading to the property.

The house was the scene of 90th birthday parties for Joyce Nyman in July and Goodrun Adsem in September. Norman Russum was feted on his 80th in July. In August, descendants of Ovide Collette gathered at Elmwood for a wonderful family reunion. A number of bridal showers were held and many Christmas parties were scheduled for December.

Heide Retallic, a granddaughter of Luther and Mary Nancy Williamson, last owners of the home, was married at Elmwood on September 28th. The family gathered for a rehearsal dinner the evening before. The wedding day started out cloudy but by late afternoon the sun was shining brightly for the bride and groom on the front porch, the site of their outdoor wedding.

Elmwood sponsors a Mother's Day tea, Spencer's



Wedding at Elmwood.

Spaghetti Supper on Election Day and a Christmas event the first Saturday in December. A pie social held in early October was a great success, and has been labeled "first annual" to be held again next year. Decorating for Christmas begins mid-November.

All this activity is possible only because of the many volunteers who generously give their time and talent. They make it possible for the stately "Old Victorian Lady" on the banks of the Park River in Grafton, North Dakota, to continue extending a welcome to the many who will gather in the second century of her existence. Come join us!



Jake Jacobson, Sig Jagielski and John Gudajtes present at Uncle Sig's picnic at Jugville.

Historical Places

The following sites in Walsh County are listed on the National Register of Historical Places:

- 1979 St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Warsaw
- 1985 Elmwood - Williamson Home, Grafton
- 1985 Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton
- 1989 U.S. Post Office, Grafton
- 1992 Old Minto School - Museum
- 1994 Pisek School, Pisek
- 1994 St. Joseph's Chapel, Warsaw - Oslo vicinity
- 1996 State School - Developmental Center, Grafton
- 1999 Strand Movie Theater, Grafton
- 2001 State Bank, Edinburg

Others pending.

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MEMBERSHIP

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There are two new life members in 2002 - Wally Ruud and Edith Harris for a total of 109.

There are 214 regular and 23 business memberships.

Deceased life members in 2002: Cora Paulson, Rolf Wollan, Wally Ruud and Alma Collette.

Death of Board Member

Warren Wilson, Grafton, age 79, who was serving on the Heritage Village board died December 9, 2002.

TIME TO RENEW 2003 MEMBERSHIPS

We would appreciate it very much if you would take a few minutes of your time to mail your annual dues. We are enclosing your membership card for 2003.

ANNUAL REGULAR DUES..... PER PERSON \$5.00
ANNUAL BUSINESS \$10.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP..... \$100.00

Your support helps sustain our Society.

Ora Marie Stewart
Membership Chairperson
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First Secretary Dies

The first secretary of the Walsh County Historical Society, Judge James O'Keefe, Grafton, died on January 17, 2003, at the age of 72 from cancer. James O'Keefe was one of the 21 original signers on the articles of incorporation in 1967 which were prepared by O'Keefe. He was also a life member of the Walsh County Historical Society.

2002 Historical Society Summary

The annual meeting was held January 27 at Heritage Village.

April 28 meeting at Heritage Village.

Picnic at Sig Jagielski Jugville on August 11.

Final meeting for the year on October 27 at Heritage Village.

Many special meetings held the first half of the year

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NEW DIRECTORS FOR 2003

Les Jallo, Delaine Peoples and Gordon Bracken (re-elected)