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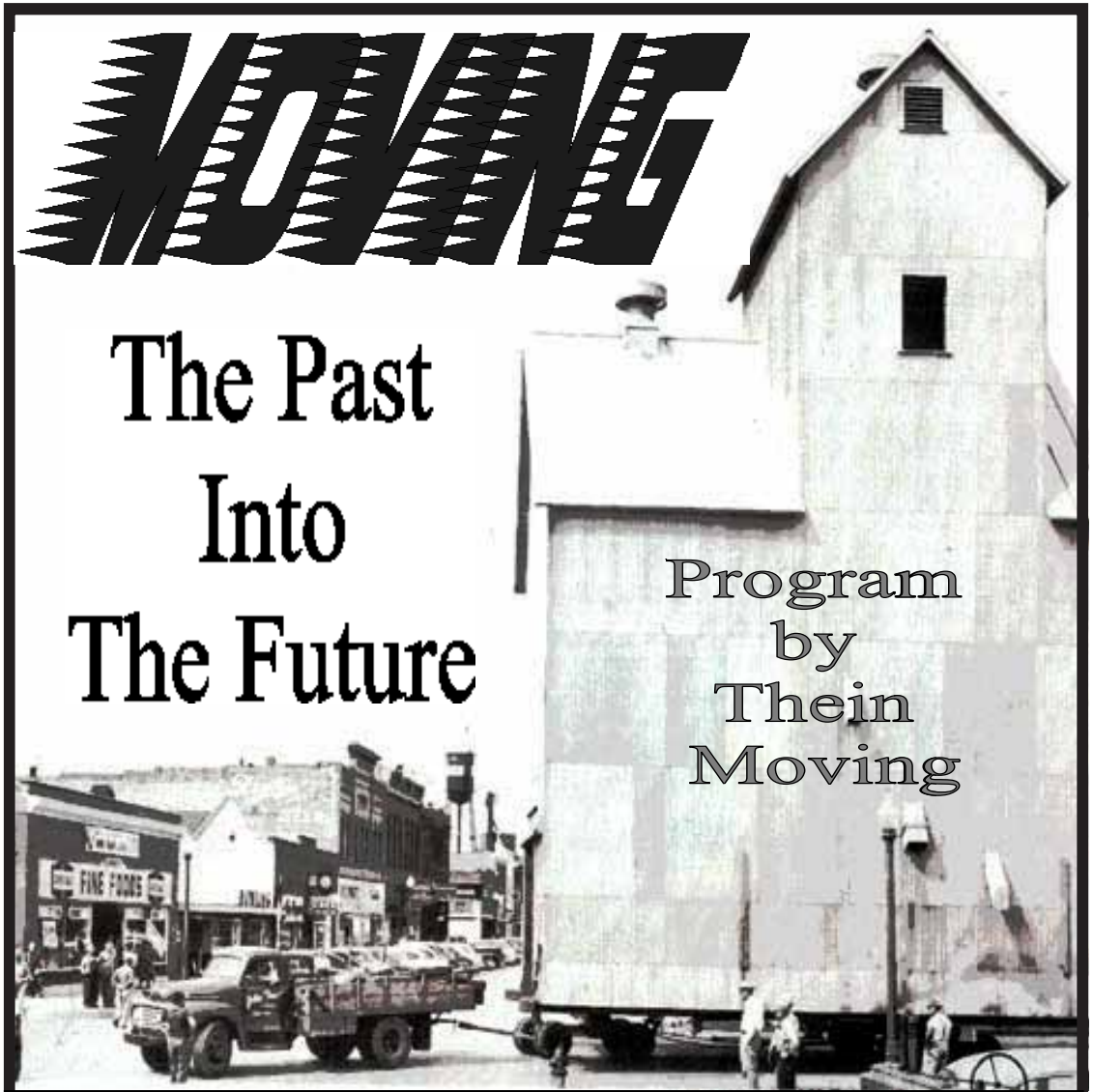
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The Past Into The Future

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Chippewa County Historical Society

Annual Banquet

Monday, April 12, 2010
6:00 p.m. Milan School

Tickets \$15.00 Each - Reserve or purchase by March 31, 2010
Includes catered dinner and program. For reservations or information
call 320-269-7636 or email ChippewaHistory@qwestoffice.net.

Membership Renewals

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for renewing their membership in the Chippewa County Historical Society as of March 15, 2010.

Business Bronze Membership

Coop Credit Union - Montevideo
Goldleaf Financial, Ltd. - Montevideo
Moldes - Montevideo
Monte True Value - Montevideo

Sustaining Membership

Mark & Kerry Jaspersen - Montevideo
Steve & Marsha Walstrom - Montevideo

Family Membership

James DeLong - Pennock, MN
Gene & DeLoris Johnson - Montevideo
James & Evon Roe - Montevideo
Harold & June Swanson - Clara City
Charles Vomacka - Kandiyohi, MN
Carolyn & Frederick Wheeler -
Palm Desert, CA

Individual Membership

Ardy Albrecht - Montevideo
Jeff Kack - Montevideo
James J. Olson - Mendota Hts., MN
Bradley J. Ost - Eden Prairie, MN

New Intern

Claudia Martinez has began as a part time intern for the Society. She will be working 24 hours a week through the end of June. She will be assisting in the office, as well as working with the photograph collection, and helping on the grounds during cleanup week. Please stop in and say hi if you have an opportunity to do so!

2010 Annual Banquet

The Chippewa County Historical Society's Annual Banquet/Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010. Our event will be hosted at the Milan School. The program is entitled "Moving The Past Into The Present" and will be presented by Thein Moving.

The Thein family began moving buildings in the Clara City area in 1892. In those early days screw jacks, steam or live horse power, and wooden wheel dollies were used. By 1924 steel wheel dollies were used and in 1943 rubber tire dollies were in use. In 1966 major changes took place within the business including using a unified hydraulic jacking system to lift buildings, as well as the use of new dollies, steel beams, and large trucks. Join us for a fascinating program covering one of Chippewa County's long-standing businesses.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be purchased or reserved in advance by April 1, 2010, by calling the Chippewa County Historical Society at 320-269-7636 or by contacting a Society Board member. The evening is open to all interested persons.

BUS SERVICE

We are hoping to once again provide bus service for a limited number of people. If you would like to have your name placed on the list, please call the office. Availability will be on a first come first service basis. The bus will probably leave from the courthouse parking lot as it did last year shortly after 5:00 p.m.

Our evening will begin with a catered dinner from the More Cafe of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with

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Briefly ...

If we have inadvertently forgotten to mention your contribution to the Society, please accept our apologies.

Although we have limited space available, we do want to recognize everyone who offers their time and talents to the Society.

"A person's pride in his ancestors increases in proportion to the distance."

Memorials

The following have given a gift to the Society in memory or in honor of friends and relatives. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

In Honor Of:

Dorothy Jorgenson's 90th birthday on March 14, and
Harlan Jorgenson's birthday on March 9.

Given By:

Jean Moe, Sylvia Norland, Edith & Norm Brakken, Dode &
Norm Aronson, Marlyn & Maxine Slettum
SOS Fund

Flood Preparations

Although reaching the 2001 flood stage of 22' is not anticipated, the Society needs to be prepared nonetheless! Should we receive word that an anticipated crest of 22' will be reached, we will need to move artifacts up in all of our buildings, as well as move all of the archives and office equipment (computers and copiers) out of the Gateway Building.

We are asking our members to give us a call to indicate if you 'could' be available to help us at this most critical time. In both 1997 and 2001 we had an amazing group of individuals help and had each building completed as well as the office and archives cleared out in about 3 hours time!

I would love to be able to compile a list of people that I could call on to help? Can you be one of those individuals? I am certainly hoping that we will not need your assistance, but it is important that we be prepared for all eventualities. We will also need enclosed trailers to transport archives. We are currently working on a location to store the items, if needed, but are open to any and all suggestions and offers.

Thank you!

Shingle Our Structures

Donations Received

\$40.00 - ONE BUNDLE OF CEDAR

In Honor Of Dorothy Jorgenson's Birthday (her 90th) on March 14, and Harlan Jorgenson's birthday on March 9.

Given by

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Bidding information for the labor and the materials (asphalt shingles) for the Chippewa Bank building will be released towards the end of March when the weather is milder. If you know of someone who might be interested in bidding on this project, please let us know. The Chippewa Bank is the ONE building that must be shingled this year.

If time and finances permit we will then focus on either the Fire Hall, School House, or Garage. We anticipate, however, 'stretching these out', about one per year, unless a more urgent need arises. Each of these structures will use asphalt shingles.

If you would like to make a donation to the SOS fund, please send it to the Society's office with SOS written on the memo. Each bundle of asphalt shingles costs approximately \$17.00, and each bundle of cedar shingles costs approximately \$40.00.

Please help us **Save Our Structures** at Historic Chippewa City.

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almonds, broccoli salad, dinner roll, coffee and milk and apple crisp for dessert. Following the Annual Meeting, the Society will induct the Stewards of the Society, and the 2010 Hall of Fame nominees. The program will immediately follow.

2010 Hall Of Fame

The final clues for our 2010 Hall of Fame induction are:

1. The couple was married in 1961.
2. Each has two brothers and two sisters.
3. The Mrs. has a Master of Arts Degree and the Mr. served on his Township board.

Have you guessed their identity yet? If not, one final clue, they are located in the northeast section of Chippewa County!

Donations Received

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for making a monetary donation to the Society.

General Donation Included With Dues

\$200.00 ~ Goldleaf Financial, Ltd.

\$20.00 ~ Mark & Kerry Jasperson

\$15.00 ~ James J. Olson

Swensson Farm Maintenance Fund

\$35.00 ~ Bradley J. Ost

Endowment Fund

\$250.00 ~ Goldleaf Financial, Ltd.

\$25.00 ~ Virgene Meyer - In Honor Of Her Birthday and as a Cancer Survivor!

\$10.00 ~ Patsy Clark - Lake Ridge, VA

Endowment Fund Update

Our goal is to have \$50,000 in our endowment fund by the annual banquet and we don't have far to go.

**We only need \$1,500.00
(6,000 quarters) to make it!**



WE WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AT THE BANQUET, SO COME PREPARED — BRING COINS!

Anybody who brings \$25.00 or more to contribute to the fund will get recognized at the banquet (if you choose to) and all donations are tax deductible.

Challenge 2010

The following is an abbreviated list for our Challenge 2010!

The following buildings must be repaired and painted in 2010 ...

1. ➡ **Gazebo** - Finish staining the upper half of the structure. Volunteers and stain are needed for this project.
2. ➡ **Ice House** - This building must be repaired and then scraped, primed, and painted. Volunteers and supplies are needed.
3. ➡ **Ag Building** - This building must be repaired and then scraped, primed, and painted. Volunteers and supplies are needed.

4. ➡ **Millinery Shop** - If time permits we would like to repaint the upper front of this building.

The following building must be shingled in 2010 ...

5. ➡ **Chippewa Bank Building**

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6. ➡ **Village Church**
7. ➡ **Burn's Fur Trading Post**
8. ➡ **Dr. Burn's Office**
9. ➡ **Blacksmith shop**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to ...

Larry Larson for his continued hard work in helping to organize and plan our 2010 Annual Banquet/Annual Meeting to be held in Milan;

Jerry Tilden, Marlin Schoep, and Keith Hein for attending a webinar for the Endowment Board and to **CURE** for allowing us to use their office and equipment;

Phyllis Youngren for helping with the February newsletter;

Christy Laux for donating her time to design a web site for the Chippewa County Historical Society;

Jim Thein and Dixie Tilden for serving on the Nominating Committee;

Phyllis Youngren for helping with the membership statements;

Phyllis Youngren for helping to complete the organization of the photo negatives;

City of Montevideo for plowing our parking lot;

Carol Siverhus for keeping the obituary files up to date;

and **YOU** for being a member of the Chippewa County Historical Society!

Cleanup Days at the Village

A reminder that cleanup days at the Village will begin on May 3. Any and all assistance is greatly appreciated.

Chippewa County Historical Society

Office Open

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed on all legal holidays.

Historic Chippewa City

Closed for the season

Swensson Farm Museum

Closed for the season

Lac qui Parle Mission

Opening for the season April 25

Membership Information

Individual/Family Memberships

Annual Individual	\$15.00
Annual Family	\$20.00
Annual Sustaining	\$30.00
Annual Contributing	\$50.00
Annual Benefactor	\$100.00

Business Memberships

Annual Bronze	\$50.00
Annual Silver	\$75.00
Annual Gold	\$100.00
Annual Platinum	\$200.00

Membership Benefits

Monthly Newsletter,
Adopt-a-Building Participation,
Unlimited Visits to Historic Chippewa City
and Swensson Farm Museum for two adults,
10% Gift Shop Discount
Photocopy Discounts
Free admission to Christmas in the Village

Saturday, March 20
Spring Begins

Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1
*Montevideo Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting*
12:00 p.m., Minnwest Bank

Friday, April 2
Good Friday

Sunday, April 4
Easter

Tuesday, April 6
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen

Monday, April 12
Annual Banquet/Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m., Milan School

Friday, April 23
*Cleaning at the
Lac qui Parle Mission*

Sunday, April 25
Lac qui Parle Mission Open House
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30
Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Historic Chippewa City

Saturday, May 1
Duffy/Fowler Wedding
4:00 p.m., Historic Chippewa City

May 3 - May 7
*Cleanup Days at
Historic Chippewa City*

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Carol Westberg - Gift Shop Manager

Delores Veden - Experience Works

Shannon Lien - Swensson Farm Sunday Hostess

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer spotlight recognizes Bev Lambert. Although Bev is a relatively new member of the Society she has jumped in with both feet and has made a huge difference! She organized the radio show for Christmas in the Village and has been a weekend host several times last summer. For her 'can do' spirit, this month's volunteer spotlight recognizes Bev Lambert. **Congratulations, Bev, and THANK YOU!**

Pioneer Dies After Reaching Age 100 Julius Kurtzbein Came to America in 1868

Members of St. John's Lutheran congregation were among those meeting Sunday afternoon to celebrate Mr. Kurtzbein's birthday, as he was a charter member of the church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 5 at 1:30 from the home and 2 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church in Sparta, with the Rev. Wolff officiating.

Julius Kurtzbein was born Jun 1, 1840 in Posen, Germany. At the age of 28, in 1868,

he came to America and lived for four years at Princeton, Wis. There he was married to Otilie Albrecht, and later with his two sons and his wife moved to Waseca, Minn., in 1872.

He worked wherever work was to be found, and here, near Waseca, a daughter, Martha, now Mrs. Herman Schultz, was born.

Following the examples of other pioneer settlers he came to this vicinity in 1880. He purchased a 160-acre farm in Rosewood township for seven dollars an acre from the railroad company. To be continued next month.

The Montevideo American, June 7, 1940

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