

The Memo



A Newsletter for members and friends of the Roseville Historical Society.

Ted Schultz Family Memories

By Eleanor Schultz

In August 1920, the Schultz family moved from Heidelberg, MN to Rose Township. My father had a 1917 Model T Ford. We moved in a boxcar which held a team of horses, Bessie the cow and a couple head of young livestock. We also had chickens in crates. Uncle Bill rode in the boxcar and took care of the animals. We got to the railroad siding which was 2 miles west of the end of County Road C. We put the wagon together, harnessed the horses and hitched them to the wagon. We tied Bessie behind the wagon and loaded the crate of chickens, water and machinery. We then took off for the farm in Rose Township which was about 2 miles from the siding. We children could not speak English, only German.

Our farm in Rose Township was 40 acres on Lake Johanna Road. It was purchased from Charlie Geismann. The land was hilly and mostly clay so it was difficult to raise and harvest crops.

Every year we would pick up rocks and put them in a stone boat so we had a big pile of rocks.

Many flowers grew wild along the railroad tracks including the state flower, the moccasin (lady slipper).

We took a bath in a round galvanized tub which was placed by a hot water radiator with a blanket over a chair to keep the heat in. We had an outdoor toilet but used a chamber pot in the winter. In the outdoor toilet, we used pages from the Sears catalog and wrappers from pears and peaches for toilet paper.

Rainwater was caught in wooden barrels.

We used it, when needed, for washing hair and clothes. We had 1 comb, 1 fine-tooth comb, 1 glass, 1 washcloth and 1 face towel in the kitchen, which we all used. We would cook flax seed and use the jelly for wave-set for our hair.



Schultz kids on their rock pile.

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President's Message

By Joyce DuFresne

It has been a full-fledged winter with cold and a lot of snow and I am ready to go to Florida. I do not venture out when it is very cold.

I am looking forward to spring. All my friends are traveling to warm places and I am jealous. I enjoy coming to the office on Thursdays and copying articles from the files onto acid-free paper.

You are always welcome to join us during office hours for tea and cookies. This would be a fun winter outing for you and we enjoy having company.

It is important that members attend the February 17 meeting to elect officers for the next 2 years

Soon the snowbirds will be back and spring will arrive.



Dates to Remember



All Membership Meetings will be held in the Fireside Room at the Oval.

Monday, February 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Program: "Safety for Seniors"
Speaker from Roseville Police Department
(Invite your friends to attend this important program.)

Monday, May 19, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 15, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting are held in the Aspen Room at City Hall. Any member may attend and present a subject for consideration.

Thursday, April 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: If you need a ride to a meeting or any other Society event, call LaVerne Dickhudt at 651-484-4146 and leave a message one week in advance, and you will be picked up.

Election of Officers

February 17, 2014 Meeting

President
Secretary
Heritage Director

Please consider helping your Society by volunteering for one of these offices. It is easy to do and you work with a great group of people on the Board.

Historical Society Volunteer Hours 2013

A total of 1,418 hours were logged by volunteers at the Society office, presentations and City events. This is equal to 35.38 40 hour weeks.

Help!

The US Marine Corps at one time had a slogan. "We need a few good men."

The Roseville Historical Society has changed a few words to "We need a few good volunteers."

The society office will be moving because the building is to be torn down sometime in 2014. The City has not told us where or when. When a decision has been made you will be notified.

Volunteers are needed for helping in the office. The hours are Monday 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and Thursday 1 - 3, p.m. Consider helping for one or both of these times. You will be trained. No one is leaving but the staff is too thin.

Herb Dickhudt has one volunteer to help with shelving, probably in two places, but could use one more.

Call the office 651-792-7440 so we can connect.

Thanks.

Archivist Notes

By Betty Danks



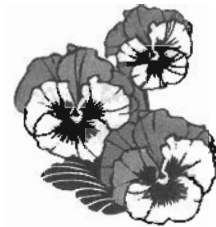
Another year has gone by and we are still working hard in the Society office. It amazes me how much is accomplished in 2 sessions a week.

Since Countryside Restaurant closed the owner, James DuRose, has given the Society artifacts including 2 menus, a milk scale and 2 posters.

Al Girard has donated 4 youth hockey trophies from the years that his son played.

All donations are gratefully appreciated.

By the time you receive this newsletter the worst of the winter cold should be over and and we can look forward to spring.



Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

Send to:
Roseville Historical Society
2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

Annual Membership:
 Individual \$ 10
 Family \$ 15

Name _____

Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

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St _____ Zip Code _____

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Dues for calendar year(s) 20__ 20__

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Monday was wash day. We heated water in a copper boiler and boiled the white clothes using home made bar soap. We made the soap from rendered lard and lye. It was made outdoors in a large cast iron kettle and stirred with a big wooden paddle. Bluing was put in the rinse water, using only 2 tubs of water for all the clothes. We had a wooden washing machine with a wooden agitator, which was operated by a handle that was moved back and forth. A wringer was hooked on a galvanized tub which was on a wooden wash bench.

We had an apple orchard. We preserved apples by peeling, slicing and storing in a crock with sulfur added to the apples. Sliced apples were dried on the kitchen clothes line. Also, apples were packed in barrels filled with oats for storage.

A wooden ice box was used to keep food cold. Horses and sled brought blocks of ice from Lake Johanna and they were stored in sawdust in the ice house. The ice would keep all summer. We would chop a piece of ice big enough for the ice box with an ax and ice pick and carry it in the house with ice tongs. The ice box pan, where the water from the melting ice would gather, ran over many times.

When we butchered, we would take some of the meat and chickens to the Polar food locker on Snelling and County Road C to be packed and frozen. We were not always sure if we got all the meat we had coming to us. We would rent a locker; some were under ground in the floor. They would hook a pulley on the locker and raise it above ground, so we could get our meat out.

We all attended 8 years at Brimhall School - Dist. 32, a one room gray cement school. We would get dropped off at school when the milk was taken to Midway Creamery and walked home 2 1/2 miles after school. The children would take turns washing the blackboards and pounding out the felt erasers on the outside railing. We ate the paste which tasted like wintergreen and also the crayolas. Erasers brought from home were pieces of our jelly-rubbered tires. We also ate some of the erasers. Miss Teuber, the teacher, would take a piece of her hair to use for dental floss. She used the glass doors on the bookcases as a mirror to floss her teeth. On the way home from school, in the summer, we would pull asphalt from the cracks in the street and chew it for blackjack gum. In order to graduate from the 8th grade we had take a Minnesota State Board

Exam and pass it. I think Miss Teuber checked out the questions ahead of time, even though they came in a sealed envelope, and drilled us on a few of them because we remembered some of the same questions in the test as she had drilled us on. While in high school we needed a typewriter to practice on. Our father bought us one, which we think Moses used to type the Ten Commandments.



Our car had isinglass windows, which is a gelatin prepared from the air bladders of certain fish. The windows pulled down with a strap. We had 2 flower vases, one on each side of the backseat. There was no heater in the car. To start the car in winter, we jacked up one wheel and then cranked the engine. When it was cold, we took the battery in the house. Water was drained out of the radiator, so it would not freeze.

Our radio had a box on the bottom and a round speaker on top. Saturday night we would get Chicago, Grand Old Opry and KSTP Barn Dance with David Stone. We enjoyed Slim Jim and the Vagabond Kid for many years on KSTP.

Dr. Bock, our family doctor, lived in St. Paul. When my sisters Gladys and Irene were 10 and 9 years old they both had sore glands due to scarlet fever. Dr. Bock came to the house and lanced their glands leaving an inch long scar on their necks. This was to let the infection out of the glands.

There were many good memories on the farm including; pleasant sounds like hearing a variety of birds singing, the neighbor dogs barking in the distance, frogs croaking and crickets chirping, the cowbells on Ammann,s cows and the Ammann boys singing in the milkhouse while separating milk and bottling their milk and cream. Sitting on the back steps at 6:00 p.m. at night and hearing the chimes playing hymns at Sunset Memorial Cemetery was a great way to finish the day.

**Roseville Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by President Joyce DuFresne. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Treasurers Report: Balance totals were given by Rynetta Renford.

Membership Chair: Ron Linebarger reported that 73 members paid their dues in 2013 and 21 paid 2014 dues.

New Business:

Eleanor Schultz thanked the group for cards and memorials for her sister, Gladys Freeman.

Joyce DuFresne thanked people for cards she received.

LaVerne Dickhudt reported that the Senior Center asked if we wanted to have a table at the Living Green Expo in February. It was decided that we would like to participate.

Joyce asked for volunteers for Jan. 9-31, 2014 for Mondays and Thursdays to sit with LaVerne at the office.

Herb Dickhudt reported no change in move status. He would like to build storage shelves at Fire Station #2.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Beverly Kroschel, Recorder

Jim Malone entertained playing his guitar and singing.

*Yesterday is history,
Tomorrow is a mystery.*



Margaret Ayde
1920 - 2013

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Roger. Survived by children, Dennis (Julie) and DeeDee Ayde-Elliott; grandchildren and great-grand children.

Margaret and Roger were charter members of the Roseville Historical Society and were faithful attendees.

Your help is needed!

Do you have photos, stories or information on Roseville in the 1950s-70s? The Society files need more archives for those years. Photos can be copied while you wait. Call 651-792-7440 and leave a message or come to the office during open hours. Thank you.



Cheer

by Eleanor Schultz

Get well card sent to:
JoAnne Garlough

Sympathy card sent to:
Eugene Richter

Treasurer's Report

January, 2014

by Rynetta Renford

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| Checking | \$ | 294.74 |
| Savings | | 4,808.49 |
| CD | | <u>5,980.38</u> |
| Totals | \$ | 11,083.61 |