



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2012

Summer

What was there before?

The following is a brief summary of the Kreatz family. There is a small lake named Kreatz Lake and you may have wondered how did it get that name? There is also a center of learning on the Kreatz farm that many of our children attended.



Kreatz Farm House

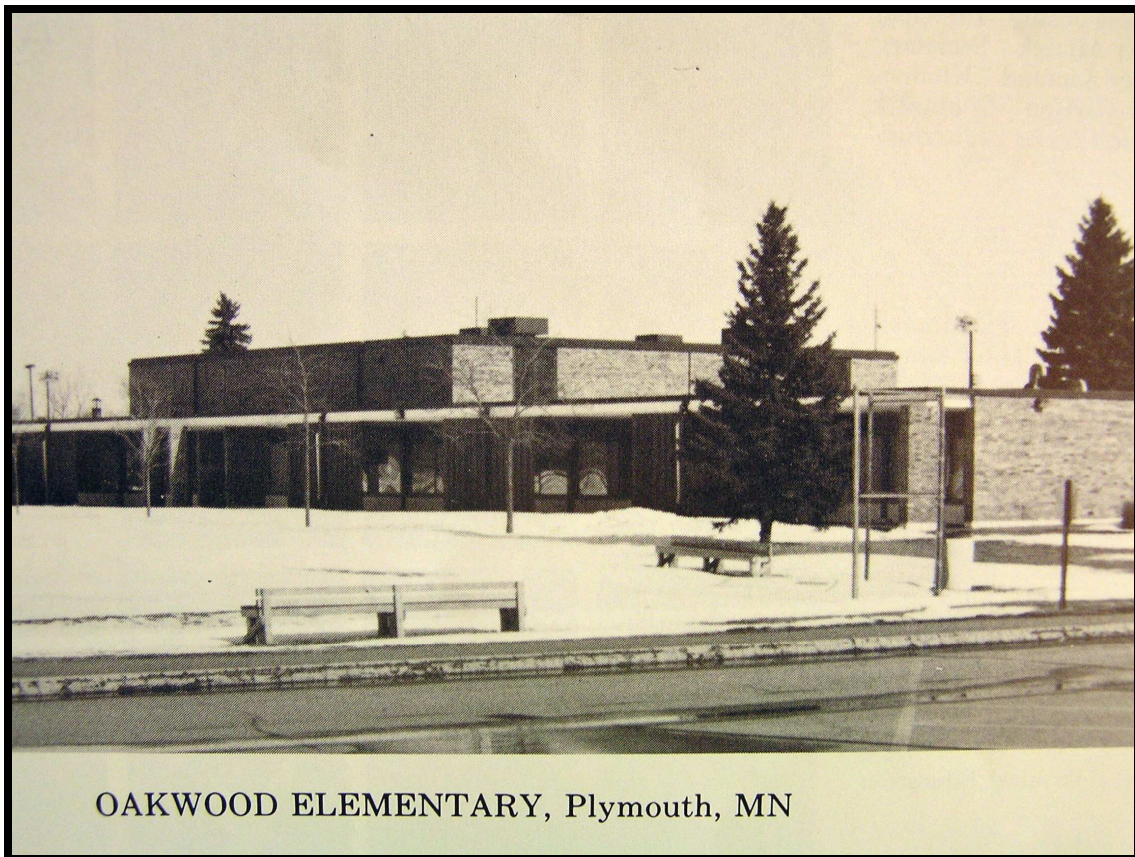
(Apartments now located where farm house stood on Cty Rd 6 across from St. Phillips Lutheran Church)

- Two brothers Franc & Ferdinand Kreatz settled in Plymouth 1855-1858
- Purchased 160 and 80 acres for \$1.25 per acre Oct 1, 1860

- Both built log cabins near Kreatz lake
- Gustave was born in 1873 in log cabin by the lake
- His father Ferdinand and Uncle Franc built homes on their farms in 1873
- Gustav was 9 months old when the family moved into the new farm house
- Gustav married Jennie Hatcher and had four children (Pearl, Lloyd, Ronald & Dorothy)
- Gustav and Jennie lived their whole life on the farm and Gustav only traveled outside Minnesota once when he crossed over to Wisconsin
- When Gustav died in 1941 he was buried at Parkers Lake Cemetery (Jennie died in 1952)

Plymouth is growing and school Board discusses need for new school

- September 1956 School Board proposes to purchase 10-40 acres for new school in general area of Cty Rd 6 and 101
- Citizens sub-committee formed to review school properties
- April 8, 1957 School Board authorizes bond issue for \$1.1 M to purchase site, construct and equip new school.
- June 13, 1957 School Board pays \$500 earnest money for Kreatz property
- October 14, 1957 School Board voted to purchase 41.6 acres @ \$1300 per acre for total of \$54,080 from Kreatz Estate



Construction started December 1957 - School opened November 17, 1958

Improving Exhibits

Plymouth Historical Museum is in the midst of changing our exhibits to better display the many wonderful artifacts in our collection. It is a large undertaking lead by Kay Bertrand who has the volunteers moving and rearranging display cases. One of the first tasks was to enlarge a Plymouth one room school settings complete with teacher. A recent donations of antique school desks allowed us to make the setting complete. The picture below is just an example of some of the changes



To better display and protect our models of early Plymouth structures we have designated display tables that are covered with a fabric to enhance the display. The new acrylic covers will protect them from little “inquisitive” fingers when PHS has school tours. This is an example of a recent donation by Henry Willegale.



Protecting Our Treasures

Over the past few years Gene Heezen has created and donated wonderful models of some of Plymouth's early buildings. They are a great asset to PHS which we use to illustrate living in early Plymouth. We are well on our way to completing our plan to have acrylic covers custom made for all the models. As of today we only have: St. Joseph's Church & Mt. Olivet Chapel left to complete. The cost is \$360 for each custom church cover to complete our project. As a result we wanted to ask if any of our supporters of the Plymouth Historical Society would like to donate money to complete a cover for one or both of the models? If you do, contact any one of the PHS officers.



Mount Olivet Chapel



St. Joseph's Church

History Tour

PHS is planning the 5th Annual History Tour of Plymouth on Sunday October 7th from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. For reservations please contact Gary Schiebe 763-473-4889 or via e-mail garyschiebe@isp.com

Website

The Plymouth Historical Society has a web site. The address is:

www.plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

Check us out!

Donations

Donated by Jackie Tyska:

- School Desks

Donated by Robyn Ruark:

- School Desks

Donated by Sandra Sherman:

- Mission Farm Booklet

Donated by Tom Layeum:

- Children's Book

Donated by Henry Willegale:

- Acrylic Cover for Wigwam Inn



Meetings

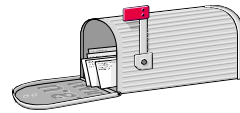
The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. The Museum is also open the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the Spring Summer and Fall. Open by special appointment in January, February & March.

Current Officers

The following are the present officers:

President	Ben Broman	763-559-5721
Vice President	Dennis Jacobson	763-972-0988
Secretary	Betty Jacobson	763-972-0988
Treasurer	Gary Schiebe	763-473-4889

Mailing and Membership List



Have you paid your annual dues?

If you are not a member and want to sign up or if you have any questions, please call:
Kay Bertrand, 763-249-0138.

The 2012 annual dues are:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Individual Lifetime	\$100.00
Family Lifetime	\$150.00

If you would like the newsletter delivered via E-mail please notify Kay Bertrand or send an e-mail to: info@plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

If you do, it is a plus for both of us. When you receive via e-mail it will be in color. When sent by mail it is in black and white and costs PHS about \$1.50 per copy to print and mail.