

April 1986

ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to the spring open house on Wednesday evening APRIL 23 6:30 til 9:30 at Old Town Hall, 3650 Fernbrook Lane No. A brief business meeting will start at 7:15, followed by a short program on identifying unusual articles. Refreshments will follow.

What Is It and How Was It Used? is the theme of the main portion of the program. Unusual items from the Historical Society's possessions will be used to inspire imaginations. Such questions as what material is the item made of? what was it used for? what type of person used it? will be asked of the audience to help identify the item.

Society members whose family members owned each item will then tell how they remember it being used.

Annual Meeting also means election time, and several board members will be elected for the coming years. There are two vacancies on the Board, and four Board members' terms expire this year. Board members Alice Mellen, Vern Peterson, Vern Dotseth, and Bea Jordan have been renominated for another three-year term. Two vacancies remain to be filled; if any other member is interested in serving on the Board, he or she should notify Ginny Ohman (559-2456) of the nominating committee before the meeting.

All members in attendance are eligible to vote, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

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WANTED Woodworker with skill and interest to repair two-seat, two-horse buggy - the wooden shafts for the horses have worn out and need to be replaced. Please contact Vern Peterson at 559-2317 if you can help; he is storing the buggy in his barn.

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THANKS to Vern Dotseth, Jim Wolf, Bea and Matt Jordan and George and Alice Mellen for working on room partitions for the main museum area. More needs to be done, but room areas are beginning to take shape.

In Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the Eckes family, on the death of both Mark and his mother.

Mark was past president of the society and one of its hardest workers, contributing hundreds of volunteer hours. He also contributed much to the City of Plymouth, having served on several advisory committees.

His willingness to go out into the schools and community, alone or with others, to tell the stories of the area he knew and loved so well resulted in a slide show and VCR tape of the History of Plymouth that he put together and narrated.

We shall indeed miss Mark Eckes.

Our sympathies also go out to Matt Jordan on the death of his mother, and to the Skarnes family on the passing of Reuben.

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MEMORIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 48

A 1909 photograph of old School District 48, originally located on the southwest corner of Dunkirk Lane and County Road 6 (Watertown Road) has been found and most of the school children have been identified.

PHS member Jim Wolfe is feverishly working to complete his Creelman family history, many of whom attended this school, and wants more information and another picture of the school building (and possibly family members with it) for his story. He is willing to travel to your home to copy your photograph, newspaper clipping, etc. Please contact Jim Wolfe at 533-9135 (after 5:00 pm) if you can help.

Later in the year, a school reunion will be planned for those who attended District 48. Watch for publicity.

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SCHIEBE FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

If you are in any way related to a Schiebe, put Saturday July 12 on your calendar. Gary Schiebe (473-4889) is organizing the first annual SCHIEBE FAMILY REUNION to be held at Old Town Hall and adjacent park. Pot luck picnic, fun and games and family group charts are planned. Contact Gary for more information.

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COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Plymouth Community Awards will be making presentations to several residents in various categories for their accomplishments in politics, service, leadership and other important contributions towards Plymouth's life.

The Plymouth Historical Society has sought to honor the memory of Mark Eckes by nominating him for Outstanding Senior Citizen.

Plan to attend the awards ceremonies on May 6 at the Radisson Inn Plymouth; watch the newspapers for more information.

-----W E' R E      E X P A N D I N G-----

Like many homeowners, there comes a time when all the closets are filled and all other storage places overflowing; first comes the small shed out back, then the 2 car garage, and soon these are filled too.

The Plymouth Historical Society is all filled up too with artifacts that are badly in need of proper storage. The Society is almost to the point of not being able to accept more items because of lack of space..

We would like to add a building at the back of the Museum, and are looking to acquire a used barn or large garage from the Plymouth area. Second choice is to build a new structure similar to an old barn, either with recycled building materials or brand new.

We are asking your help to locate such an existing structure for us and possibly make some contacts with the owner. We will also be needing people to help move, tear down & rebuild, or build, as well as someone to handle legal paperwork.

If you would like to assist with this project in any way, please contact Alice Mellen at 339-0313 or 473-2846. We would like to have the project completed by next winter.

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UPDATE ON THE HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

Partially because of very busy winter schedules, and partially because of vacations, not much progress has been made on the compilation of the survey of old buildings in Plymouth.

Bea Jordan is doing oral histories of some of the older residents in connection with their family homes. Occasionally we get a call from someone who has an old abstract of photograph to share, but much more help from the public is needed, both in information shared and other persons to help with the writing.

The goal is to recreate some of Plymouth's history and capture for posterity some its older buildings before progress erases them. It is a tedious project and needs a lot of collateral research done (looking up court records, etc.). If you have an interest in this type of work, please contact Alice Mellen (473-2846).

We need you!!

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PLYMOUTH HISTORY AT CITY HALL

During the month of June, many items from Plymouth's past will be on display at the new City Hall. Arranged by Ginny Ohman and Joyce McCaughey, these will be only a fraction of the artifacts at the Old Town Hall Museum.

Make plans to stop by at old Town Hall and at the new City Hall to learn about Plymouth.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER, THIS IS THE TIME!  
IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR ANNUAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP - IT IS DUE  
NOW!

As a member of the society you are aiding the financial support necessary to keep up the Society's ongoing programs. These include operation of the museum, processing acquisitions, library materials, oral history programs, slide show presentations, newsletter, historic sites survey.

If you have any questions about membership, call Jack Malmstedt, Membership Chairman, at 437-4493. You may bring the handy membership form with you to the Open House April 23 or mail it to Jack.

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT and MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please enroll me as a member of the Plymouth Historical Society. My check (or cash) in the amount indicated below as dues for the year (or life membership) is enclosed. Annual Dues expire May 1.

\$5.00 Individual Annual Membership  
\$7.50 Family Annual Membership  
\$100.00 Individual Life Membership

Name

Phone

Address

City & Zip

I am interested in helping the Plymouth Historical Society with the following projects:

Please complete this form and return to

Jack Malmstedt  
15 Niagara Lane  
Plymouth, MN 55441

If you have any other comments or questions about the Plymouth Historical Society, please write them below and return with your membership form. They will be answered quickly. Thank you.

