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OCTOBER OBHS REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2007, 6:00 P. M., AT THE NEW HIGHLAND TOWN HALL

WE WILL BEGIN WITH A POWERPOINT TALK BY MR. DAVID THORSON ON THE GLACIAL FEATURES IN OUR REGION AND THEIR FORMATION. WE WILL THEN HAVE A REFRESHMENT BREAK FOLLOWED BY OUR BUSINESS MEETING.

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Thanks to the Town of Highland for the use of their new hall, to Jan Johnson and Janine Seis for their help, and to all who have brought refreshments to share.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The outdoors is arrayed in all its beauty this time of year. I am looking out our windows and see the maple tree changing from green to red and yellow. What beauty God has provided for us, to uplift our spirits before the leaves are all gone. This leads me to the passing on of another life that touched my life years ago. Dorothy Hallen's memorial service was last month, and I wonder just how many lives she touched in her public school and Sunday school teaching experience. I had Dorothy as a teacher for 3 years starting in 2nd grade at Wentworth Grade School. A lot of those memories have faded, other than that she helped me in my spelling. Staying in one community as long as she did makes a real impact on it, and her heritage should be remembered as how one should serve his or her community.

This is the first letter after the Old-Brule Heritage Society Annual Meeting, and I want to thank every one for their hard work and commitment to our organization. Without you it would not be an organization.

We now have the Davidson Windmill blades rotating and for reasons of better control and safety they are being rotated by an electric motor; we have little control of the speed and direction of the wind. (Only the blades rotate at this time.)

We have a new edition of our book *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, which has a perfect binding and includes additional maps that are bound into the book, which is available now. We still have some copies of the Lakeside history book *Sisu and Sauna*. There are plans to make another edition with the necessary corrections and additions, from the new materials that have come in since the first printing.

Congratulations to the Town of Brule on the Centennial celebration they had in September, and to all who made it possible. Thank you to all those who saved and shared the historical documents that showed the heritage of that community.

Please check out the "www.oldbrule.org" Web site as your president is presently updating the site on a regular bases. (Note: If the web site looks like it has not changed please push the refresh button on your browser.)

Respectfully, Earl Granroth

FROM THE EDITOR:

We at OBHS will be amidst our Apple Festival Weekend Tours and Bake Sale when this newsletter arrives this weekend. A few days later we will entertain at the mill the 30 members of the current local Leadership Council group for tours. The Windmill seems to grow in regional popularity. To sustain these efforts consumes much of the volunteer energy within our group. We have to be thankful that there are those willing to contribute their time and treasure to maintain and to interpret what is really a very large artifact.

If we reflect upon what this artifact is, as we have done in the past, we have to first recognize that as large as it is, it is one item, one traditional tool, however large and complex, in our collection of many old tools. And the reason for collecting old tools is to tell the story of their use. In telling the story of their use we come to appreciate better the way of life

of those who used them. In telling us about this way of life a tool reveals not just techniques but a part of the physical background that had been integrated into the lives of those who settled here.

The windmill was a unique tool in its relatively large scale. There were other local mill, small horse mills and hand mills which performed similar feats, but the windmill was unique in its communal nature. As we enlarge capacity and outputs a tool's service comes to exceed personal use and becomes a part of the texture of the larger community.

As farming continues to decline in our region this artifact yet stands as a reminder that another successful order of life once expressed itself on these grounds and within this region. It reminds the visitor that the fashions of the day, even those on a large scale, are fleeting, and in the end, one important message of the mill is the need for humility in the face of change.

-Jim Pellman

2006 and 2007 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of their 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948.

Continuing in the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2007 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is still available at \$6.00 each. Our 2006 calendar is also available at \$5.00 in limited numbers. They are available from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50 each. A 2008 calendar is now in the design stage.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE *O-BHS NEWS* ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating databases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meetings: October 8th, 2007, 1:00 p.m. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

Unapproved 2007 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Davidson Windmill Grounds, and Lakeside Town Hall
August 18th, 2007

29 Members Present.

The program events followed the business meeting: First tours followed until 12:50 pm. The Jarvenpaa Finnish Choir sang at 1:00 pm. The meeting then moved to the Lakeside Town Hall for lunch. Thanks were given to all for bringing dishes to pass.

Business Meeting:

CALL TO ORDER: Our President, Earl Granroth, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. A moment of silence was held for members & friends lost over the years, and for those serving in the military.

MINUTES APPROVAL, ANNUAL MEETING 2006: Audrey Hakkila moved to approve the 2006 annual minutes as published, and John Altshool seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Jackie read the Treasurer's Report:

Chippewa Valley Bank:.....\$151.41
Mill Fund:.....\$ 2,817.32
NBC C/D:.....\$ 7,652.95

Irene Parenteau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Mary Ann Gronquist seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS :

Summary of year's activities:

Davidson Windmill: Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend 2006, Midsummer 2007 events.

There was a lot of work done the past summer: A new roof was put on the mill and the Eskolin House, buried electrical lines and other work by Ron Hendrickson, installed new floor on Eskolin house, a portable biffy placed permanently on site, also work was done on the Davidson Windmill. Thanks were given to all for all the hard work done this summer, also to ConocoPhillips for grants in Paul Colby's name for volunteerism which were essential.

Book Publishing: Earl showed the new *Wisconsin Far Northwest* books, in Fourth printing, perfect binding with fold out maps. Kaye Coletta wanted one book for the new Lake Nebagamon Library. There were books for sale in Eskolin house, also all clothing was on sale for half price.

Calendars for 2008 now were to begin in earnest.

Archives Committee: Committee meets about every other week. Follis papers almost scanned.

Fund-raising: A new \$ 500.00 planning grant had been given by Conoco Phillips thanks to Paul Colby's volunteer work.

Yunker's Coupons: Discussion arose on doing the Yunkers Coupons this year for fund raising. It will be on November 10th, 2007 this year. Last year we made \$ 300.00 selling the coupons. They sell for \$ 5.00 a book which includes a \$10 coupon for the buyer. Hope Swenson moved that we sell them again this year and Shirley Rouleau seconded the motion. It carried. Shirley will be in charge of them.

Website: Earl Granroth updates, and Jon Winter is our host and contact at no charge.

Brule History Research Group: It has been put on hold since the death of Sue Jahn, Laila's daughter. We continue support helping as much as we can, and hope it will be completed soon.

Election of Board Members: Nominees to replace out-going board members and to approve renewals to second terms. Board status at the time of the meeting:

Terms

2004, 2006	Earl Granroth, Lakeside, President, Final year starts.
2003, 2005	Harry Wester, Bennett, 1st-Vice President, Term expires
2005	Alice Christensen, Amnicon, 2nd Vice President, Up for renewal.
2004, 2006	Karin Colby, Maple, Secretary, Final year starts.
2006	Jackie Plunkett, Maple, Treasurer
2006	Irene Brazill, Lakeside
2004, 2006	Marion Christensen, Superior, Final year starts.
2006	Jack Pank, Parkland
2006	Irene Parenteau, Superior
2005	Hope Swenson, Lakeside, Up for renewal
2003, 2005	Paul Williams, Lakeside, Term Expires
2006	Mary Wester, Bennett, Alternate. Jim Pellman, Maple, Emeritus.

Two agreed to have their names put in nomination: Shirley Kankas-Rouleau and Mary Ann Gronquist. Earl Granroth, Karin Colby and Marion Christensen agreed to have their terms renewed. Nominations were opened from the floor. Thrice hearing none, motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates was offered and passed.

Memberships & Volunteer Hours: Membership dues are due now as well as time sheets. New time sheets will be given out later (in part for recognition of volunteer hours). Recognition was given for volunteer hours in the past year. Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett, easily exceeded all others in hours contributed. Not all were yet turned in which are important to our group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Northwest Regional Convention of the Wisconsin Council For Local History at DCHS in Superior. We are supporting the DCHS effort, and we are scheduled to give tours at the windmill on September 15th, 2007. Tours are from 2:30pm -4:00 pm. Discussion on what to serve: Coffee & (windmill) cookies, it was decided on. Dress in Scandinavian clothes. Earl asked about having our items for sale. We need to get in contact with Kathy Laakso. Audrey has a display.

Scholarships: John Rautio of Iron River winner of Northwestern High School \$ 250:00.

Windmill Apple Fest Open House Plans: We are planning on a bake sale and selling our clothing, books, cups, caps, buttons. We need a sign up list for the bake sale.

Pollari Memorial Fund: Audrey H. explained the Lois Pollari historical map project. This will utilize Pollari donated funds earmarked for school district projects that could not be resolved.

Next Regular Meeting: New Highland Town Hall, October 10th, 2007, 6:00 pm. Speaker will be Mr. Dave Thorsen from Barnes. Topic: Local continental glaciers and remnant features.

We will pass the hat to cover the balance of his \$50 speakers' fee.

Brule Centennial: Minerva talked about the Brule Centennial Celebration, Brule Town Hall, September 23rd, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

Next Board Meeting: At Shirley Kankas-Rouleau's on September 12th, 2007, 6:00pm.

Other New Business:

Food at Meetings: Marilyn Pank requested at most regular meetings just having coffee & cookies or bars and eliminating bringing other things. Marilyn moved to just have coffee & cookies or bars and Jackie seconded the motion, which carried.

Scholarships: Jackie mentioned the scholarship fund, that we give a \$250.00 scholarship and that we might also create a separate fund if we want. Jackie moved to give a \$ 250.00 NWHS OBHS Scholarship for 2007-08 and create a separate scholarship fund. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl thanked everyone who helped out during the year for the hours of volunteering.

ADJOURNMENT: Alice moved that we adjourn and Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Karin Colby Secretary

BOARD MEETING FOR OFFICERS' ELECTION followed immediately.

Call to Order: Earl called the meeting to order to install the officers for the new year.

Election: A unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers for 2007-8:

President: Earl Granroth

1st Vice President: Alice Christensen

2nd Vice President: Shirley Kankas-Rouleau

Secretary: Karin Colby

Treasurer: Jackie Plunkett

Other Board Members: Irene Brazill, Marion Christensen, Mary Ann Gronquist, Jack Pank, Irene Parenteau, Hope Swenson, Mary Wester, Alternate, & Jim Pellman, Emeritus.

The Next Board Meeting: will be at Shirley Kankas-Rouleau's home on September 12th, 2007 @ 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Jim moved that we adjourn. Alice seconded the motion, which carried.

It was announced that there will be a Mill Meeting at the Eskolin House at the Mill site on September 18th, 2007 at 6:00 pm. *Thank you, to the Town of Lakeside for sharing their annual picnic with us on our annual meeting, and to everyone who helped.*

Respectfully, Karin Colby, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included. SEE CURRENT FOR SALE ITEMS AND PRICES ON OUR WEB SITE (www.oldbrule.org).

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series. Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, and Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$4.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006 (\$5) and 2007 (\$6) are also available (\$3.50 shipping). Our 2008 Calendar is coming soon.

Unapproved BOARD MEETING MINUTES OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Shirley Kankas-Rouleau Home, Lake Nebagamon
September 12th, 2007, 6:00 pm

Members Present: President, Earl Granroth, Jim Pellman, Delores Pellman, Hope Swenson, Mary Ann Gronquist, Alice Christensen, Irene Parenteau, Jack Pank, Jackie Plunkett, Mary Wester, Marion Christensen, Karin Colby, Shirley Kankas

Rouleau, Eddie Walman.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by our President, Earl Granroth.

Earl welcomed new board members, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau & Mary Ann Gronquist & certificates for retirees done soon.

MINUTES: Earl asked if there were any corrections on the minutes of the July 11th, 2007 meeting. Irene moved to accept the minutes as published, and Jackie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jackie gave the Treasurer's report.

Chippewa Valley Bank Checking Account:\$ 1,063.35

NBC, Poplar: Money Market C/D Account:.....\$ 7,652.95

Davidson Wind Mill Account, Poplar:.....\$ 2,817.35

Jim mentioned we had approved a separate Scholarship Fund at the last meeting.

We are planning on starting a separate scholarship fund soon. Jackie mentioned we have to keep at least \$750.00 in the checking at all times or we have to pay a service fee.

Irene moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Alice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Davidson Windmill Report: Jim talked about what has been happening at the mill, the \$ 2,000 that we are getting from ConocoPhillips for projects we are doing, putting in sidewalks, and explained how they will run. He explained the drawing and the bricks and other projects that have to be done hoping to have the cement work done by October. We are just waiting on word from Hovlands on prices. Jim said he would be engraving the pavers for now. There will be names on each one. They will "sell" for \$10:00 each. Part of the grant is a planning grant. Jim said the tee shirts that Paul is ordering will be given to volunteers who work at the mill site. We have 1,000 brick pavers @ \$.36 a piece. Paul and his 2 children were unloading the bricks with Jim.

There will be newspaper ads on the brick sale. Sidewalk benches, road signage, etc., were also approved. Urethane foam caulking is needed in Eskolin House so we won't keep getting water on the floor. Lights: we need security lights and a light in the ceiling; boulder from Ron Hendrickson for Memorial Mount Plaque. Tree protection. Jackie mentioned about letting some of the neighbors know that we have had some tree damage and if they should happen to notice some one doing it to let us know. We have 3 new folding tables for use now. Jackie to see about 2 first aid kits, privacy walls are up around Biffy. It needs a protective top and fine tuning. There is no wall on west side. We will put up a lattice and let Engelman Ivy grow on it. Harry and crew have installed a 1hp motor which slowly turns mill blades Mary said it runs like a charm. Jack said 1 revolution every 2 minutes. Jack said people were looking as they drove by. Jackie asked about the brick money, if it should be put in a special fund. It will go into the Windmill Fund. DCHS Northwest Regional Tours coming 2:30 to 4:00, Saturday, September 15th as part of the day's events. Harry, Jim & Jack will give the tours. Hope asked for some of our merchandise to sell that day: some books, pins, magnets, photos, *Wisconsin Far Northwest* book, *Sisu & Sauna* book, & *Pathways*, buttons & mugs. Hope said she would like help that day. Mary said we should put a plaque on the biffy wall stating that the logs on this wall are from the Davidson homestead site. Alice spoke on the meal they were having that Saturday, September 15th, 2007. Mary Ann said she donated a coffee pot but at this time it is at Alice's house. We paid the Jarvenpaa singers \$25.00 and passed the hat and took in \$60.00 for them.

Fund-raising: There will be a website ad to order buttons; shipping cost \$1:13 for 1oz in a bubble envelope (No-.00 at Sam's) \$ 1.30 for 2 oz. Regular mail, would be the best if we could hold the thickness to under ¼ inch total with packaging. There was discussion on how we should keep track of our selling of merchandise. It was decided to use the sheets to check off each time there as an item sold. We are going to need 2 people for selling. Jackie asked about donations for the NW Regional conference. We will give a Tee Shirt, Sweatshirt, Windmill Cap, a Book, brochures & little books. Shirley has 50 Yonkers tickets at \$5:00 each. Last year we got \$400.00 in sales & donations.

Archives Committee: Next meeting at Pellmans' Monday, September 24th, 2007 at 1:00pm. Very busy people working on many different projects. Follis papers are now scanned. Database typing ahead. Earl thanked Jim & Delores for hosting.

Website Committee Report: Faithfully kept up by Earl. Our thanks to him for all he does on the Website. Earl wants to put a brand new sheet on the website and order form other than we had before. See if Jon would let us have a piece of Website so we could database what we have and they would E-mail us rather than use our private Email addresses.

Pollari Memorial Gift Committee: Lois has held meetings on historical map design.

Publicity /Advertising Committee: Pamphlet distribution, paver brick sales press release out.

Apple Festival publicity - October 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2007. We will be having a bake sale on Saturday, October 6th, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Windmill tours on Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Publications Committee: Heritage Maps in progress now under Pollari Memorial (above).

Wisconsin Far Northwest printing is in. New calendars for 2008 is now in design stage.

Mailings to advertisers to go out.

Membership Committee: Please turn in your current year's (to end of July 2007) blue volunteer hour sheets if you haven't already done so. Dues collection for 2008 is now already in progress.

Brule History Research Group: ISBN Number reserved—They are making good progress despite personal losses. They still don't know who will publish their work. They will include many family histories.

David Maki Activities: Latest report he sent to Finland is available upon request. He was recommended to be a speaker at Finnfest 2008.

Next Regular Meeting: October 10th, 2007 at the new Highland Town Hall, 6:00pm.

David Thorsen will be speaking on local glaciers. In future secure Gail Saari and Mary Jane Sedin to speak on their trip to Finland & Russia.

Finnfest, Duluth 2008: Paul & Jim attended planning sessions. Finnfest will host 7,000 people in Duluth, July 2008.

Local Centennial Activities: For the towns of Maple, Highland, Lake Nebagamon, Brule River State Forest. Possible Fall Historical Tours with other groups, e.g., CCC Camp in Brule Valley, Historical Highlights, Cemetery Tours.

Committee will be created later to develop tours. It probably will be going from one place to another. Jim said he will talk to Kathy about it.

Taylor's Bridge: Internal sign damage replacement with other than paper; talk to DCHS. Seek response from sign maker.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS: Jackie asked about anything we could do on local history of schools, churches, cemeteries, families, for the calendar. We talked about new items for sale, and so forth

Sympathy and Encouragements: Paul Williams, Cassius Christensen, Ken Magnuson, Swen Tyykila.

Communications: Renewal Post Office box (now \$36/yr), and many dues renewals.

Next Board Meeting: November 14th, 2007, Cassius & Alice Christensen Home, 6:00 pm in Wentworth.

Other New Business: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hope moved to adjourn, Irene seconded. Motion carried *Thanks to Shirley for hosting.*

Next Mill Meeting: October 23rd, 2007, 6:00pm, Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House.

Respectfully, Karin Colby, Secretary

Area History: No. 58

*Justice Felix Frankfurter (1882-1965), a champion of individual rights, in his last days on the U.S. Supreme Court, authored a penetrating dissent of **Baker v. Carr (1962)**, to him a crushing decision on state reapportionment, which ultimately led to radical changes in the structure of our local government in the State of Wisconsin and in local governments throughout the United States. Philip Kurland, writing about Frankfurter and the Constitution, borrows the words of Judge Learned Hand (1872-1961) from 1942 about another Judicial luminary, Louis Brandeis, to make his point about Frankfurter's concerns. Below are excerpts from Hand's remarks. Credits appear at the bottom for sources of these remarks which should be examined in their fullness. Justice Louis Brandeis (1856-1941) was a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and was a graduate of the Harvard Law School. He eventually became an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and is considered one of the most important justices to have ever served our Nation. Amidst World War II a memorial service for Justice Brandeis was held in the Supreme Court on December 21, 1942. Learned Hand's address on that occasion appeared in the Proceedings of the Bar of the Supreme Court, 317 U.S. xi-xiv.*

*Dilliard, Irving, editor, **The Spirit of Liberty: Papers and Addresses of Learned Hand** [1872-1961], Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1952, pages 155-163. Quoted by Philip B. Kurland in **Mr. Justice [Felix] Frankfurter [1882-1965] and the Constitution**, University of Chicago Press, Chicago 1971, pages 224-226.*

Quoting Judge Hand ...[Brandeis showed] quick flashes of indignation at injustice, pretense, or oppression." Hand follows the thread leading "to the best of [Brandeis's] teaching. I mean what I shall describe as his hatred of the mechanization of life. This he carried far indeed; as to it he lived at odds with much of the movement of his time. In many modern contrivances which to most of us seem innocent acquisitions of mankind – the motor car for instance – he saw a significance hostile to life's deeper, truer values. ...He had studied large industrial aggregations as few

*have and was satisfied that long before consolidation reached its modern size, it began to go to pieces at the top. There was a much earlier limit to human ability; minds did not exist able to direct such manifold and intricate structures. But that was only an incident; the important matter was the inevitable effect of size upon the individual, even though it neither limited nor impaired [financial] efficiency. Allied with this was his attitude towards concentration of political power which appeared so often in what he said from the bench. Indeed, his determination to preserve the **autonomy of the states** [my*

emphasis. Ed.] – though it went along with an unflinching assertion of federal power in matters which he reckoned truly national – amounted almost to an obsession. Haphazard as they might be in origin, and even devoid of much present significance, the states were the only breakwater against the ever pounding surf which threatened to submerge the individual and destroy the only kind of society in which personality could survive. ... He believed that there could be no true community save that built upon personal acquaintance of each with each; that thus alone could character and ability be rightly gauged; without that “neighborly affection” which would result, no “faith” could be nourished, “charitable” or other. Only so could latent richness which lurks in all of us come to flower. As the social group grows too large for mutual contact and appraisal, life quickly begins to lose its flavor and significance. Among multitudes relations must become standardized; to standardize is to generalize, and to generalize it to ignore all those authentic features which mark, and which indeed alone create, an individual. Not only is there no compensation for our losses, but most of our positive ills have directly resulted from great size. With it has indeed come the magic of modern communication and quick transport; but out of these has come the sinister apparatus of mass suggestion and mass production. Such devices, always tending more and more to reduce us to a common model, subject us – our hard-won immunity now gone – to epidemics of hallowed catchword and formula. The herd is regaining its ancient and evil primacy; civilization is being reversed, for it has consisted of exactly the opposite process of individualization – witness the history of law and morals. These many inventions are a step backward; they lull men into the belief that because they are severally less subject to violence, they are more safe; because they are more secure from want; because their bodies are cleaner, their hearts are purer. It is an illusion; our security has actually diminished as our demands have become more exacting; our comforts we purchase at the cost of a softer fibre, a feebler will and an infantile suggestibility.

I am well aware of the reply to all of this; it is on every tongue. “Do not talk to us,” you say, “of the tiny city utopias of Plato or Aristotle; or of Jefferson with his dream of proud, honorable isolation; however circumscribed. Those days are gone forever, and they are well lost. The vast command over Nature which the last century gave to mankind and which is but a fragmentary earnest of the future, mankind will not forego. ...”

...It is hard to see any answer to all this, the day has clearly gone forever of societies small enough for their members to have personal acquaintance with each other, and to find their station through the appraisal of those who have any first-hand knowledge of them. Publicity is an evil

substitute, and the art of publicity is a black art; but it has come to stay; every year adds to the potency and to the finality of its judgments. The hand that rules the press, the radio, the screen and the far-spread magazine, rule the country; whether we like it or not, we must learn to accept it. And yet it is the power of reiterated suggestion and consecrated platitude that at this moment has brought our entire civilization to imminent peril of destruction. The individual is as helpless against it as the child is helpless against the formulas with which he is indoctrinated. Not only is it possible by these means to shape his tastes, his feelings, his desires and his hopes; but it is possible to convert him into a fanatical zealot, ready to torture and destroy and to suffer mutilation and death for an obscene faith, baseless in fact and morally monstrous. This, the vastest conflict with which mankind has ever been faced, whose outcome still remains undecided, in the end turns upon whether the individual can survive; upon whether the ultimate value shall be this wistful, cloudy errant You and I, or that Great Beast, Leviathan, that phantom conjured up as an ignis fatuus in our darkness and a scapegoat for our futility.

We Americans have at last chosen sides; we believe that it may be idle to seek the Soul of Man outside Society; it is certainly idle to seek Society outside the Soul of Man. We believe this to be the transcendent stake; we will not turn back; in the heavens we have seen the sign in which we shall conquer or die. But our faith will need again and again to be refreshed; and from the life we commemorate today we may gain refreshment. A great people does not go to its leaders for incantations or liturgies by which to propitiate fate or to cajole victory; it goes to them to peer into the recesses of its own soul, to lay bare its deepest desires; it goes to them as it goes to its poets and its seers. And for that reason it means little in what form this man’s message may have been; only the substance of it counts. If I have read it aright, this was that substance. “You may build your Towers of Babel to the clouds; you may contrive ingeniously to circumvent Nature by devices beyond even the understanding of all but a handful; you may provide endless distractions to escape the tedium of your barren lives; you may rummage the whole planet for your ease and comfort. It shall avail you nothing; the more you struggle, the more deeply you will be enmeshed. Not until you have the courage to meet yourselves face to face; to take true account of what you find; to respect the sum of that account for itself and not for what it may bring you; deeply to believe that each of you is a holy vessel unique and irreplaceable; only then will you have taken the first steps along the path of Wisdom. Be content with nothing less; let not the heathen beguile you to their temples, or the Sirens to their songs. Lay up your Treasure in the Heaven of your hearts, where moth and rust do not corrupt and thieves cannot break through and steal.”

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Notices:

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To **Harry Wester** for his creative efforts in getting the Windmill blades to turn. Again, to **Paul Colby** & his employer, **ConocoPhillips**, for the capital grant which will help us so much with our memorial sidewalk, and to all those so far who have donated toward brick memorials. To the **Town of Lakeside** and the **Jarvenpaa Singers** who made our Annual Meeting such a pleasure, and to all who helped so much, selling and fixing up. To **Chris Kucharyski** near the Windmill for her thoughtfulness. To **Audrey Hakkila** for her great work as our group historian! To **Lora and Lee T. Olson** for their donation of a new US flag for the Windmill, and congrats to **Lee T.** on his moose!

CONGRATULATIONS: To the communities celebrating Centennials this year: the **Towns of Hawthorne, Highland and Maple**, and the **Village of Lake Nebagamon**. Most recently **Brule's** celebration was a great success. Also to **Brule River State Forest** on 100 years. To **Amanda Howland** and **Nicholas Korhonen** on their recent marriage (and to their parents). To **DCHS** on their successful Historical Convention, and to Director **Kathy Laakso**, on her sterling play production. **Paul Colby & Ted Pellman** did an excellent acting jobs.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: To **Arnold & Doris Perala** as they manage health issues. To **Paul Williams, Cash Christensen, Margie Koskie, Ken Magnuson** also with health issues. To **Jackie & Keith Plunkett** and family as her brother **Pat Meteraud** goes through critical treatments.

OUR SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of Iron River's **Scott Mitchell**, 41, lost in an ATV accident. To **Russ** and family of **Marlys Tuura** on her loss at 57. To the family and friends of **Ricky Luostari** of Brule, who died at 53. To the family of **Rod Lundberg**, a victim of cancer at 42, a Duluthian with many local ties. To family and friends of **Jan Follis** of Lake Nebagamon who died August 5th at 63 after a long illness.

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

October 4-6, Friday to Sunday, Apple Festival Weekend Windmill Tours. **3-6 pm, 9-6 pm, 11-4 pm. Bake Sale Saturday.**

October 8, Monday, Columbus Day (Observed). Archives Committee meets at Pellman's, 1 pm.

October 10, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Regular Meeting, New Highland Town Hall. **Dave Thorson** to speak on Brule Glaciers.

October 23, Tuesday, 6 p.m. Windmill Committee meets. Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House.

November 4, Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends.

November 14, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting, Cassius & Alice Christensen Home, in Wentworth.

November 15, Thursday, Deadline for contributions to the December issue of *O-BHS News*.

November 22, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working on our own site (www.oldbrule.org). *Please note routine updates and changes at the site.* President Earl Granroth has been making these updates. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila** for her many efforts. **Microsoft** has donated Web site software permitting updates. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill. **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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