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NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM WED., AUG. 13, 2003, 11:00 AM AMNICON FALLS STATE PARK – PAVILION MR. BILL ELDRED WILL GIVE US A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARK

The next regular meeting of the Old-Brule Heritage Society will be held on Wednesday, August 13th, 2003, beginning at 11 a.m. at the new Pavilion at Amnicon Falls State Park. Park Official, Mr. Bill Eldred, will give a brief talk on the history of the park, followed by a pot luck lunch, and then our brief business meeting. The Society will provide beverages and hot dogs, brats and Polish, which we will cook on site. We will gather at the Amnicon Town Hall parking lot beginning at 10:30 a.m. in order to car pool into the park. Those vehicles entering the park without an annual State Park sticker will be charged \$5.00. Please bring DEET, family and friends, and a dish to pass...and please dress appropriately...Incidentally, Bill Eldred's daughter was the place kicker on last year's Northwestern High School football team.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND AND REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE! OUR THANKS TO ALICE CHRISTENSEN WHO HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE PARK AND FOR THE TALK.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As I prepare to be put out to pasture after five challenging years more thoughts come to mind about what we are as a local historical society, and what we are doing as a group: Why preserve the history and heritage of the people of our region? I think the answer is personal to each one of us, but fundamental to me, deeper than my love of history, is the celebration of local freedom.

As we watch in horror the steady loss of lives in Iraq, and we think of the people we personally know who are serving there under steady threat to their lives, we are further challenged with disturbing questions about the legitimacy of their presence there. Can we make the connection between our sheltered homeland routines under freedom, and the way of life of a distant people that even when liberated seems in large part to hate us and what we stand for? What for them would be a "celebration of local freedom?"

The local freedom I am talking about is written in our past. We think of pioneer settlers coming into the region, many claiming farm land under the Federal Homestead Act, eventually petitioning for local control, and then organizing small local governments to better their lives. How far is this from what is happening in the nation of Iraq? Is it possible to recreate there, in some way, this local experience of the creation of local self-governments, these expressions of local self-determination and freedom?

Yet even here in northern Wisconsin we do not see small local governments forming any longer. We see minimal participation in the local government process and uncontested local elections. Government no longer seems to belong to us, but to someone, or a group, planning for us, far away and unconcerned about us as a people, human individuals, politically so far away that in their budget discussions they find it would suit some of them for us to go away in the name of efficiency at the national, state and even county level. This is how it often looks. What does this have to do with the liberation of the 22,000,000 people of Iraq? What does this have to do with the struggle for freedom found in our local past?

In the modern mind set of international media conglomerates and the corporate and nation building planners they serve, there is little meaningful room left for local freedom. Nation states now "feel." Nation states are "offended," or are "threatened," or are "oppressed." How is this corporate "feeling," this being "offended" and "threatened" at "higher" corporate

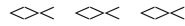
and governmental levels different from what we feel as true individuals? And how can we speak about that freedom our ancestors as individuals and displaced people sought, sacrificed for, and once experienced locally, in the same breath, in the same language, as we speak about militarily freeing a vast nation like Iraq?

The key issue that must be faced in our modern society is the manner in which personal freedom has moved away from the local, primal experience it was at the time our region was settled a little over a hundred years ago, and how it has been, over the years, to the present, increasingly, synthetically constrained, confined and contrived in the tightening web of distant hubs of manipulation. We have allowed too much control to fall into the hands of those too far away from the real heart of freedom, the local and spontaneous pursuit of happiness. What we have saved in a dollar count we have more than lost in the local control of our lives. Too often rigid, conventionalized exercises and entertainment now replace sincere experience and true creativity. I am not talking about nostalgic sentiments but about the honest and essential human needs of a truly free people.

Our agrarian past (*Gemeinschaft*), more than the refinement of urban sensibility (*Gesellschaft*), brings us closer to a dimension of freedom I feel is still possible and necessary. When the localism of rural life is gone we will have forgotten how to be free. If we have forgotten how to be free how can we bring freedom to anyone else? We must listen for and hear the faint, primal, local voices of true human freedom in Iraq, and again here at home. The alternative is a tyranny of compulsion or force, subtle or awesome.

Our historical society must celebrate and continually bring to mind the longed for freedom that has been so evident in the people who pioneered here. My thanks to them, and to all of you who have supported the O-BHS in its first five years.

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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.

REMINDER: OUR NEW TREASURER WILL BE COLLECTING DUES FOR 2004 STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A REPEAT CALL FOR LOCAL SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORIES

The Steering Committee working on the celebration of the Sesquicentennial or 150th birthday celebration of the founding of Douglas County and the City of Superior is asking for scholarly essays from anyone on any topic which will help illuminate our past. The Committee will select the best entries, first for publication in local papers, and then would like to collect and edit them for inclusion in a published text containing a fully rounded City and County history. Hopefully there will be someone to create entries on the history of each of the communities within the county, and on the businesses and activities, and important personalities that have at one time or another touched and shaped our lives.

The Committee asks private individuals, companies, schools and governments to come forward with submissions. Entries can be sent immediately to the Douglas County-Superior Sesquicentennial Committee-History Project, Jan O'Brien, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, 205 Belknap Street, Superior, WI 54880. Please let the Committee hear from you !

**KYLE MAUNU GIVES TALK ON CO-OPS AND O-BHS TOURS
THE CLOVERLAND KING SCHOOL AT JUNE MEETING**

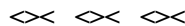
The Old-Brule Heritage Society held its June regular meeting and program at the Cloverland Town Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the 13th. After our pot luck supper Mr. Kyle Maunu of Duluth spoke on "The Cooperative Movement in the Head of the Lakes Region." A native of Cloquet, Kyle graduated in History at UMD. While interning at the Carlton County Historical Society he created an exhibit entitled "The Spirit of Cooperatives: The History of Carlton County's Cooperatives; 1910-1999" which ran from June to October (Co-op month) at the Carlton County History and Heritage Center. This then led to two further grant projects based on oral histories of people involved in co-ops in one respect or another. He brought along old photos, including some of the Brule Co-op Park, and other co-op memorabilia.

After Kyle's talk we toured the King School (1919-1947?) (combined Harvey School which was moved south from the Harvey farm area on the Brule River), now used by the Cloverland Community Club. The building is located on Highway 13 about four miles east of the Cloverland Town Hall, and had been vandalized shortly before our visit. Jessie Burhans served as our leader, and talked about clean up efforts. Larry Luostari talked about having attended the school at one time. Our business meeting followed the tour. Thanks to Larry, Jessie, Jim Martin and others who helped make us very welcome in Cloverland.

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Some partial records exist for the teachers in the region that became the Town of Cloverland. Cloverland was separated from the Towns of Maple and Brule in 1921 by Act of the Wisconsin Legislature. The following teacher lists among others for the county are found in the Area Research Center at the Superior Public Library.

Teacher	Year	Town	School	District
Martinsen, Elvina	1912-13	Brule	Harvey	
Hagberg, Inez	1913-14	Brule	Harvey?	3
Morgan, Ethelwyn	1914-15	Brule	Harvey	3
Follis, Della	1915-16	Brule	Harvey	3
Turnberg, Frida	1914-15	Brule	Martinsen	3
Isaacson, Isabelle	1915-16	Brule	Baxter	3
Nelson, Ruth	1919-20	Maple	Nelson	
Nelson, Ruth	1920-21	Maple	Nelson	
Juntti, Sylvia	1928-29	Cloverland	King	
Juntti, Sylvia	1929-30	Cloverland	King	
Wilgren, Mrs. Sylvia J.	1930-31	Cloverland	King	
Wann, Evangeline	1931-32	Cloverland	King	
Byberg, Evelyn	1932-33	Cloverland	King	
Byberg, Evelyn	1933-34	Cloverland	King	1
Johnson, Signa	1913-14	Brule	C. E. Johnson	3
Johnson, Signa	1914-15	Brule	C. E. Johnson	3
Johnson, Signe	1915-16	Brule	C. E. Johnson	3
Koski, Mrs. Signi	1928-29	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	
Koski, Mrs. Signi	1929-30	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	
Pearson, Ruth	1930-31	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	
Pearson, Ruth	1931-32	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	
Johnson, Gladys	1932-33	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	
Johnson, Gladys	1933-34	Cloverland	C. E. Johnson	1
Ellison, Elna	1928-29	Cloverland	Nelson	
Noreen, Helen	1928-29	Cloverland	Nelson	
Ellison, Elna	1929-30	Cloverland	Nelson	
Anderson, Ethel	1929-30	Cloverland	Nelson	
Hokanson, Hildur	1930-31	Cloverland	Nelson	
Holm, Mabel	1930-31	Cloverland	Nelson	
Hokanson, Hildur	1931-32	Cloverland	Nelson	
Holm, Mabel	1931-32	Cloverland	Nelson	
Nelson, Ruth	1932-33	Cloverland	Nelson	
Holm, Mabel	1932-33	Cloverland	Nelson	
Nelson, Ruth	1933-34	Cloverland	Nelson	2
Peterson, Luella	1933-34	Cloverland	Nelson	2



ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE ON SUMMER BREAK.

The archives room in the Maple Community Center is filling with archive material. Some construction work is left, but this has not stopped the Archives/Collection Committee from getting down to a work routine which we hope will some

day entirely fill the new space. It is a relief to have many valuable town and regional records and items already safely shelved there. Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas, LaVerne LaPole, Arnold and Doris Perala, Jim Pellman, Irene Brazill, Delores Pellman and others have been volunteering their time to the Archives/Collection committee work. The group is now on a summer break but we will welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Before our break we finished the inventory of the William F. Follis papers. These were made available by members Bill and Jan Follis, and we will be indexing and assessing them, and copying the most essential. We also inventoried the papers of Helen and Harvey Johnson of Lakeside which also will end up on a computer database. Our thanks to these loyal members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space.

2004 BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDAR TO BE AVAILABLE

The Brule History Research Group organized in 1995 to research, write, and publish the history of Brule. Their annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, will be used for the publication of the history.

2004 calendars will be available from Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715-372-4948) for the cost of \$7.50 postpaid, or \$6.00 locally from a BHRG member or at Lori's Store. An e-mail address: knmo@baysat.net.

FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$8.00, caps, \$9.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Our new order of shirts in three different colors has a new enlarged design.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 1/2 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 improved image is now available in our magnet series. Our thanks to Noah who donated the digital image to O-BHS.

Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items will also be available for purchase at our meetings, or by contacting Jim Pellman at 363-2453.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2003, CLOVERLAND TOWN HALL

Attendance: 26

6:00 p. m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jim Pellman welcomed all who came. The group enjoyed a pot luck supper. Thanks to all who brought food for the lunch and worked in the kitchen.

II. PROGRAM: The program was presented by Kyle Maunu of Duluth, who spoke on "The Cooperative Movement in the Head of the Lakes Region." He brought along old photos, including some of the Brule Co-op Park, and other Co-op memorabilia. Following the talk, those interested toured the old King School, now Cloverland Community Club, which had been recently vandalized.

III. BUSINESS MEETING:

A. MINUTES: were approved as printed in the newsletter.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT: Alice Christensen reported there is \$4,354.14 in the Davidson Windmill Fund and \$2,215.41 in savings which includes \$730 received in memorials for George Luoma and \$4.00 in magnet sales. Jim suggested that the memorial money be put towards renovating the trailer which was donated by Norma Lind to be used eventually as a traveling display. A motion was made by Shirley Kankas, seconded by Lois Pollari, to use the Luoma memorial money for that purpose and to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. HERITAGE PARK: No new action taken.

2. DAVIDSON WINDMILL SITE: Bruce Peterson from the State DOT office toured the Windmill site with members of the mill committee. His understanding of the property lines was not the same as we thought, with the boundary adjacent to the Windmill fence. He is supportive of a 99 year lease with the State for the property we might need, as

far north as the ditch berm on Highway 13, and he said excavations and landscaping at the site would be all right provided drainage patterns remained the same.. A surveyor will be needed to establish lines and elevations. Paul Colby had been assigned to locating one. Bob Aho on the committee stated that a permit will be necessary for any work to be done. Jim had visited the County Zoning Office and had picked up forms. No work can be done on the site until these matters are resolved. Signs have not yet been ordered.

3. SALES MERCHANDISE: Bob Aho showed a sketch of a design for T-shirts. The company will honor the same price as before. About 100 will be ordered, some of the more expensive ones and some at the lesser price. Questions were asked about possibly having a photo transfer shirt made, but no prices were available for those.

4.. VOLUNTEER HOURS: Volunteer hours for 2002 should be turned in to Jim.

5. BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson reported that 2003 calendars are still available and the 2004 ones are at the printers. Price will be the same. Norma Lind and Minerva Johnson, (Jim Pellman and Delores Pellman for O-BHS) represented BHRG at the Heritage Tourism Forum held in Ashland at the NGLVC on May 15, 2003. There is hope that the organization can be on a web site to promote tourism in the Brule area. Laila brought a painting of the Waino Hall eventually to be donated to the O-BHS. Laila received a call from Duane Westfield (Aho) who will be here in August. He has volunteered to show slides of Russia and possibly do a Finnish/English service at the Waino Pioneer Chapel.

6. SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: Plans for participation in the 4th of July parade are underway. Harry Wester has a trailer which could be used. Need a truck to pull it. A replica of windmill made by Norma Lind will be on it. Some members will ride on the float and some will walk and give out fliers and candy. Plans to have the midsummer ethnic dinner at the Lakeside Town Hall were dropped due to lack of time for advertising. Will be held next year. Tours of the windmill will be given from 9 to 6, and coffee and sweets and the new T-shirts will be available. Motion was made to purchase a canvas shelter for the site was made by Lois Pollari and seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried. Alice Christensen will look into it. If not secured in time for June 21, Mary Ann's daughter will bring hers and put it up. Committee members are LaVerne LaPole, Jim Pellman, Delores Pellman, Hope Swenson, Maryann Gronquist, Norma Lind, Paul Colby, and Harry and Mary Wester.

7. HISTORY PAPER AWARD: There were only three entries for the contest. Jim Pellman suggested providing \$25.00 for each one. Hope to present the awards at the annual meeting and ask the subjects of the stories to be present. A motion was made by Laila Magnuson and seconded by Norma Lind to provide the extra \$25.00 award and to have Hope secure space for our annual meeting at the WWII Center. Motion carried.

8. COMPUTER SOFTWARE (for Archives): Nothing new.

9. BOARD MEMBER NOTEBOOKS: Jim has additional information to add.

10. TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Jim reported on the dedication event and on the coverage in the Duluth

News Tribune.

11. HERITAGE TOURISM FORUM: Was held at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ruth Goetz, Dept. Of Tourism and Tom McKay, Wisconsin Historical Society, speakers. Attended by Jim and Delores Pellman, Norma Lind and Minerva Johnson. A grant was to be written to create a map on northern Wisconsin historical sites which would show the Davidson Windmill on it in the future.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEXT MEETING: John Kunz of UWS is an possibility for a speaker. Possibly Maple for a site.

2. ANNUAL MEETING: Hope Swenson has arranged for us to hold our annual meeting at the Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior on Saturday, September 13, at 1 p.m. The fee for the room which Hope has offered to pay for, would include 11 tours, and additional attendees would be \$5.00 each. A speaker will have to be arranged for. Facilities are available to lunch. Motion passed to hold the meeting at the center with O-BHS paying the \$5.00 for each attending beyond the initial 11. RSVP to Hope if you plan to attend. A casket flag raising memorial for Helen Privette would be held Friday, September 12th.

2. WISCONSIN COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY DUES: Motion by Laila Magnuson and seconded by Delores Pellman to submit \$15.00 annual donation (dues) to the Wisconsin Council for Local History. Motion carried.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The outgoing board members will serve as the nominating committee to find candidates for their positions.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. DAVIDSON WINDMILL: Gene and Agnes Davidson donated signs to be used for activities at the mill.

2. ARCHIVES/COLLECTION: Have completed inventories of the Follis and Winkka papers. Data entry ahead. The committee is on summer break.

3. TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: No added report.

4. WEB SITE: Will be up and running. Jon Winter (Winter Systems in Superior) is working on it.

5. NEWSLETTER: Deadline for August issue, Friday, July 25th.

6. PUBLICITY: Audrey Hakkila continues submitting articles monthly to the *Connection* in Port Wing, and other meeting and news coverage.

7. O-BHS SCHOLARSHIP: Jim presented a letter of congratulations to Jeffrey Stoverm of Wentworth in the Guidance Office at Northwestern on graduation night. Their photo will be in the paper.

8. MEMBERSHIPS: Renewals for membership are due in September.

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Melinda Heinritz, Development Officer, Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Madison, contacted and paid a courtesy visit to Jim Pellman. She offered her office's services and donated a copy of the new book published by the State Historical Society, *Gordon MacQuarrie: The Story of an Old Duck Hunter* by Keith Crowley. Jim donated a copy of his book to the State Historical Society collection.

2. Jim was contacted by David Grapentine of the local Boy Scout troop. Jim gave Willie Grapentine who is working on a merit badge and his younger brother a talk on Maple's history and a tour of the old Tacke-Langer Hardwood Mill site on Mill Loop in Maple.

3. Tom McKay of the Office of Local History mailed papers for Local History Award nominations. Awards are given in October. July 25th deadline for nominations.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Gronquist, Secretary

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS

We again want to thank the many who contributed to the memorial fund established in the name of **George Luoma**. We will provide a full listing of donors once the list is complete. Our sympathy and thanks to **Shirley Kankas-Rouleau**.

Thanks to **Mr. Art Haugen** of East End Drug Store who has rejoined us at the family membership level. We noted the *Telegram* article announcing that his family business is closing after many years. Our thanks for their services to many of us over the years. And speaking of memberships, our thanks to **Bob and Sally Rampier** of Stone Chimney Road in Bennett (Solon Springs address) for their new family membership. We also want to welcome **Mr. Robert Holmbeck** of Lakeside (Poplar address) for his membership.

Thanks to **Cooperative Services, Inc.** in Maple which has entered our name as a gesture of support to our group and the Lions in the annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ raffle. 1st prize is \$750, \$250 for 2nd, \$100 for 3rd, \$50 for 4th and \$25 for 5th. Our numbers are 1013, 1014 & 1015. There are also numerous door prizes.

Thanks to **Bob Aho** for the new enlarged drawing on our new T-shirts which was very popular at our Midsummer Windmill Tours on June 21st, which event brought in over \$400 in sales and tour donations. Thanks again to Julie Gronquist and George Pleau for use of their canopy and to everyone who volunteered.

2003 Northwestern High School graduate, **Jeffrey Stoverm**, who received our annual scholarship, has sent a thank you and indicated his pleasure at being selected. He tells us he will major in Education with a minor in Coaching at UW-EauClaire.

Thanks to **Melinda Heinritz** of the Wisconsin Historical Foundation for her visit and for the information she sent of potential sources of local foundation support. Unfortunately we fall outside of the Xcel Energy service area.

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR MEASURES OF CONFIDENCE & SUPPORT.

It is good to hear the **Jack Gronquist** is doing well, and we hope that **Margie Koskie** will be in good health soon.

Our sympathy goes out to wife **Alice (Wuori)** and family of **Arvo Walimaki** of Maple who just passed away at Middle River. Arvo was an Old-Brule Heritage Society and Davidson Windmill supporter.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

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FINNS IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN, Part I: by RUDOLPH N. HARJU.

This 1939 history of the early Finnish presence in northern Wisconsin appeared in Superior's Evening Telegram,

page 26, June 14, 1939, *not long after the large Finnish Pioneer Celebration held at the Coop Park on the Brule River on October 1st and 2nd, 1938, where a Pioneer Museum had been established. As Harju acknowledged, this history benefited tremendously from historical materials instigated and gathered by the Northern Wisconsin Finnish Historical society and its director, Kalle Aine. Would that this organization still existed or even that we knew where these materials are located today. Our next issue will continue with Harju's article in areas dealing more with the rural Finnish settlements of the area. Editor.*

**“Finns Pioneered Over Douglas County; Here Over Half a Century;
Harju Relates Parts Played in This Area.”**

Early Finns Were Transient, Began Settling Permanently in 1890

Superior and its surrounding communities--like America as a whole--have been built to what they are today by the sturdy men and women of many nationalities and their descendants. Each nationality has contributed its relative share to the sum total of the early pioneering. Among the various national groups the Finns have played an important [part] in the pioneering and developing of Superior and particularly its surrounding rural communities.

The purpose of our article is to relate, to the extent that space permits, some historical facts about the lives and endeavors of the early Finnish settlers of Superior.

In Superior proper for more than 50 years there have been Finnish people living more or less permanently. During the earlier years, however, the Finnish population was more transient in composition, more or less migratory workers, who mainly followed the vast logging operations, railroad construction and building industries of those days. However, during the latter part of the eighties and the early part of the nineties of the last century the Finns began to permanently settle in Superior and in a relatively short time a numerous and thriving Finnish community came about with its manifold social, cultural and religious activity.

First Congregation.

Mr. William Pietari, an early Superior resident, who now lives in Duluth [Art P. lived in West Duluth in the 1970s, and said he was related to Abo and Maymie Pietari of Lakeside], states that when he came to Superior in 1889 there were only three Finnish families in the city, namely Henry Huotari, a tanner, Henry Knuuttila and Erick Hanson. The rest of the city's Finns were single people, he recalls. However, already in 1891, as Mr. Pietari relates, the Apostolic Lutheran congregation was organized, which soon had a membership of 80 members, indicating the rapid influx of Finns into the city. Rev. John Lake was the congregation's minister for a period of twenty years. The congregation's church was located at Twenty-eighth St. and Oakes avenue. After the turn of the century the membership of the congregation began to dwindle because of members moving away. Finally the congregation lost its church and in 1905 the congregation was formally dissolved, although church activity by the group has been conducted to this day [1939] under the direction of visiting ministers.

During the same year the Finnish Synod Lutheran congregation was established and a year earlier, in 1890, the Evangelist Lutheran congregation was organized. The latter two congregations have had their own churches and have throughout the years with similar regularity carried on their activity as has the Apostolic Lutheran group.

Struggle Against Liquor.

Although three congregations were established during the years of 1890 and 1891, that, however, does not mean that the activities of the Finns were limited to religious endeavors alone. We find for instance from original records that fortunately have been preserved that on May 29, 1890, the "Kannel" Temperance Society had been established with 15 charter members, seven women and eight men. The society at the first meeting affiliated to the National Finnish Temperance Federation. The minutes of the July 6, 1890, meeting show that 16 new members had joined the society. At this meeting the following officers were installed by John Korhonen, representative of the "Toivon Tähti" society; Antti Markkanen, representative; Charles Bay, chairman; Jacob Arkkola, vice chairman; Liina Pernu, secretary; Joseph Larson, secretary-treasurer, and Lissi Uutinen, treasurer. The organization was in existence until May 14, 1923.

The society carried on educational and cultural work on a fairly broad scale. Its main purpose, however, was to spread the gospel of temperance and fight against the evils of alcoholism. The task, however, was not an easy one for the evil influence of John Barleycorn penetrated even the ranks of the society as is indicated in a report submitted to a quarterly meeting of the society April 30, 1891, where it is stated that during the period "seven sisters and six brothers have been expelled from the society" for violating their pledge. The report further states that the "membership is 34--16 sisters and 18 brothers.

Debate Over Love and Money.

The society arranged programs, lectures, discussion meetings and social affairs regularly. An interesting

sidelight on the nature of the topics that were discussed is to be found from the minutes of the society's meeting March 20, 1892. The minutes state that a debate was held; the subject being: "Love or Money; which is mightier?" The recorder then states that the side defending "love" overwhelmingly defeated the side speaking for the power of money.

From the records one can gather that Victor Korhonen, Antero Riippa and Fred Nixon were the leading spirits of the society and faithfully performed their duties entrusted to them and wisely guided the destinies of the organization. Each served many terms in various positions of trust in the organization.

Despite the obvious stability of the "Kannel" society, it appears that during the height of its apparent success, differences of opinion began to develop over many questions among the membership, which finally led to the establishment of another temperance society.

A meeting was held December 18, 1898, where an independent temperance society was established with 24 charter members. This society was known as the "Vainon Turva" Temperance society. While its major objective was to fight against the evils of alcoholism, its activities seem to have been much broader in scope than those of the "Kannel" society. Also it appears that its social outlook leaned quite heavily towards liberalism.

At the organizational meeting of the "Vainon Turva" society the following officers were elected: Oscar Niemisto, chairman, Alfred Korby, vice chairman and Adolph Hepola as recording secretary.

A sick benefit club was set up in connection with the society. Also a death benefit fund was established whereby in the event of a member's death the society would pay out of its treasury \$40 to the beneficiary. The treasurer was replenished by assessing each member within 30 days after such a death benefit payment. The assessment being 75 cents for men and 50 cents for women... *[To be continued.]*

Calendar

August 10, Sunday, Noon - ?, Brule River Lions Club Annual Chicken BBQ, Brule Town Park.

August 13, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., O-BHS regular bimonthly meeting. Amnicon Falls State Park Pavilion. Wm Eldred talk.

August 16, Saturday, DCHS, Community Vaudeville Show which will accompany Jim Cooke as Calvin Coolidge.

September 1, Monday, Labor Day.

September 7, Sunday, Grandparents' Day.

September 12, Friday, 9:00 a.m., Bong WWII Center, Superior, Memorial Flag Raising for Lt. Helen D. Privette of Maple.

September 13, Saturday, 1:00 p.m., O-BHS Annual Meeting, Bong WWII Heritage Center, Election of five new Board members. Tape with interview of Helen Privette on her WWII experiences as a nurse in Europe.

September 25, Thursday, deadline for contributions to the October issue of *O-BHS News*.

September 26-November 1, Washburn Historical Museum & Cultural Arts Center: Wisconsin Humanities Council/Smithsonian Exhibit, *Barnstorm Wisconsin-Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon*. 2003 is the "Year of the Barn."

October 3-5, Friday to Sunday, Bayfield Apple Fest. Weekend. Davidson Windmill Tours.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on site changes which have led to a changed web address and to our own independent site (www.oldbrule.org). Look for changes coming very soon. Thank you for your patience. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila, Jackie Plunkett, Donna Bergsten, and Jon Winter**.

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. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in September. Higher levels of support are also welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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