

# AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## DEPOT HIGHLIGHTS

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### Administrator's Comments

Our Open House/Cookies Walk/Raffle is fast approaching. It all happens on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 4pm. Raffle drawing at 2pm. If you have not returned your Raffle tickets yet, hurry and get them in before the drawing. Many great prizes will be drawn this year. I know that Thanksgiving is fast approaching and many of you will be out of town, but please do not forget to bake up some cookies to sell at our Annual Cookie Walk. This is an important event for us. Not only do we make money selling cookies but, the event gives many people the opportunity to visit the Depot Museum.

This years Christmas display in the Museum is Teddy Bears. The Boy Scout display has come down and the Bears have gone up. Come into the Museum and see if you can find all of the Bears. Enter our contest.

This past year has been an exciting one for me. It has given me an opportunity to stretch and explore different avenues. I have been able to write and edit articles for our newsletter, write articles for the local newspapers, be interviewed on the Radio, set up and run functions, build displays in the Museum, learn about grant writing and become involved with the local Chamber. (These items are now checked off of my bucket list.) It is my hope that I have improved as the year progressed. All in all it has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year for me. What made it so is all of the great volunteers that gave of their time and energy day after day. Their dedication to preserving Aitkin County history is very commendable. Future generations are the benefactors of all their hard work. We must all applaud these volunteers and thank them when ever we can. I know that my job this year would have been impossible without their help and guidance. I want to thank them for allowing me the opportunity to learn my job and help me when needed.

I have had fun working on research projects for people. It is always great when you can find a piece of information for someone and see how excited they are to receive it. It could be finding out where their ancestors lived or making a copy of an obituary, or where some relative is buried. Every project has its own unique twists and turns. Finding the answers make the effort worth while.

The coming year will be a challenging one for myself and the Historical Society. We must find ways of increasing our income at some of our events or come up with some new ones so that we can continue with our work. There are opportunities for some new grants to expand not only the size but the quality of our facility. By expanding the size of building #2, we could move some displays back to that building and make the Homestead room into a research area for the public. By installing new shelving in the book store we will be able to increase the number of titles that we are able to carry. Adding a pole barn (40' X 60') next to building #3 will give us added space for storage. The building would serve a double purpose. We will be able to move some larger items out of building #3 that do not require a temperature controlled environment and at the same time give us a space to collect garage sale items year round. We are looking at many new changes that will help to not only protect the artifacts but, display them for better viewing. One of these would be to build some kiosks over the items located outside the museum. We would like to find a Caboose or dinning car to have on display. Some lofty ideas, but ones that I believe are possible to attain. Let us put our heads together and find a way to make the dream happen.

We continue to receive prizes for our Raffle (16 prizes) which will be drawn on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

GREG LEACH

## The History of the Apron

Author - Unknown

I don't think our kids today know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect her dress underneath, because she had only a few, and it was easier to wash aprons than dresses. They used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop to the house, Grandma used her apron for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

When the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that old time apron that served so many purposes.

## 2009 MEMORIALS

\$25.00 In Memory of Jim Florek, longtime Wealthwood resident

\$10.00 in Memory of Kenneth Lyons husband of Lois Lyons

\$95.00 in Memory of Jack Christianson

\$25.00 in Memory of Anita Jackson Ruddell by the class of 1950

\$25.00 in Memory of Larry Fyle husband of Lois Ritter Fyle by the class of 1950

\$45.00 in Memory of Henry Fageroos husband of Alice Fageroos

\$25.00 in Memory of Adeline Sjodin Purdy sister of Betty Howard by the class of 1950

## MEMBERS WHO LEFT US IN 2009

John "Jack" Christensen – 10/13/1927 – 3/2/2009

Kenneth Lyons – 9/3/1918 – 5/5/2009

Bea Jacobsen - 7/13/1918 – 7/20/2009

Henry Fageroos – 6/16/1926 – 7/21/2009

## AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Business memberships – 29, Individual memberships – 28, Senior memberships – 92, Family members – 129, Life members - 20  
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 298

## 2009 EVENTS

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Spirit of Christmas/Open House/Cookie Walk/Raffle – Join us as we open our Depot Museum to cookie buyers and guests. Our special Christmas display of bears created by member and volunteer Jo White is a treat. Start looking for those special Christmas Cookie recipes and get geared up to start baking for our Open House. Please bring your cookies to the Museum on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 4pm. Don't forget to invite your friends and relatives to this event. After you buy your cookies, stay, have a cup of coffee or cider, a cookie or two, tour the Depot and count the bears. See if you can find all of them. Raffle now has 16 prizes to give away. Come and have some fun!

### **Helpful Hint #1**

If you only have one cookie sheet on hand, line it with Parchment paper. While one batch is baking, load a second sheet of parchment paper to have another batch ready to bake. Cleaning is also easier.

### **Helpful Hint #2**

Cut-up dried fruit sometimes sticks to the blade of your knife. To prevent this problem, coat the blade of your knife with a thin film of vegetable spray before cutting.

### **Helpful Hint #3**

Some holiday cookies require an indent on top to fill with jam or chocolate. Use the rounded end of a honey dipper to make the indent.

## **FILES MISSING IN ACTION, PLEASE HELP US**

We need your help completing our files of AHS Yearbooks. A list of the missing yearbooks can be found in this newsletter. We still need histories of the Cities, Townships, Schools, Churches and Organizations in Aitkin County. Do we have a copy of any family histories that have been done? Does your family own a business in Aitkin County now or in the past? Please give us a history of that business, including dates opened, by whom, where it was and is located now, product or service offered. Do you have some pictures of the outside or inside of

your business to put in our photo archives? Maybe you have some old promotional items for that business. (match books, pencils, calendars, etc.) How about old photographs, great grandparents, trains, riverboats, ice cream socials or other events that took place in Aitkin County. Bring them in and we will make copies for our files. Everything is important to completing Aitkin County History. When cleaning out those junk drawers, don't throw away any history. Old Maps, Phone directories, and Plat books needed.

**Too much Aitkin County History is being thrown away by our children when we are gone. Do not let this happen. If you have something important to our history, please donate it to the Depot Museum or let us make a copy. At least let your children know what it is and that it is important to Aitkin history. Help us to continue to build a complete Aitkin County history. Thank You!!!**

### **Volunteers Needed:**

We need your help manning the Front Desk at the Depot Museum. Could you spare three hours a month to sit at the front desk, answer the telephone, welcome our visitors, and have them sign our guest register. By volunteering, you will receive a 15% discount on any purchases from our gift store. We need some men to help with the maintenance of our four buildings. The men come in and work on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are handy, come in and give us a hand on one of those days. Help to do some picture archiving or organizing files. Are you good with the computer, help us with our web site to make it more consumer friendly and more interesting. Come in and share your talents with your Aitkin County Historical Society.

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

**All tickets and money need to be turned in by December 4<sup>th</sup> to be included in the December 5<sup>th</sup> Drawing**

1. Cuyuna Country Club – (\$224.00 Value) 4-18 Hole Rounds of Golf + Cart.
2. Minnesota National Golf Course – (\$222.00 Value) 3-18 Hole Rounds of Golf + Cart
3. Chanhassen Dinner Theater – Meal & Show (\$130.00 Value)
4. Grand Casino Mille Lacs – Hotel & Meal (\$100.00 Value)
5. Picnic Table & Benches – (\$100.00 Value)
6. John Deere Traveling Sprinkler – (\$90.00 Value)
7. Rialto Theater - \$50.00 Gift Certificate
8. Great River Gardens - \$50.00 Gift Certificate
9. Large (36") Doily made by Marlene Kingsley
10. Shawl made by Connie Petterson
11. Baby Shawl made by Connie Petterson
12. Therapist Select Shiatsu Massaging Cushion donated by Alice Dotzler
13. Minnesota Remembrance 4 – books (\$40.00 Value)
14. Ozark Trail Quad Chair (\$10.00 Value)
15. Season's In Time Book (\$10.00 Value)
16. Aitkin County Naturally Bird Book (\$5.00 Value)

## **COST OF POSTAGE CONTINUES TO RISE**

What can you do to help us at the Depot Museum? Do you have an email address that we can send the Newsletter too? This would not only save us postage but would cut down on our printing costs as well. **Forty-five** members now receive it by email and have saved us over \$180.00. If this is a possibility, email us at [achs3348@embarqmail.com](mailto:achs3348@embarqmail.com).

## **MISSING AITKIN HIGH SCHOOL YEAR BOOKS**

The following is a list of yearbooks that we need to complete our files.

1966	1967	1971	1972	1975	1976	1978
	1979	1986 thru 2000	2002		2007	

## **MISSING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF THE NEWSHOPPER:**

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

### **STRAWBERRY COOKIES**

1 can Eagle Brand Milk  
1 can angle flake coconut (1 lb)  
2 pkg. strawberry jello  
Pinch of cream of tartar  
Pinch of salt

Take 1 ½ pkg. of jello and mix with milk and coconut. Add salt and cream of tartar. Let set in refrigerator at least an hour or overnight. Shape into berries and roll in balance of jello. Dye toothpicks green (break in half). Put three leaves of green frosting on each berry. Makes about 65, depending on size.

I roll them in red sugar instead of the jello. It makes them brighter. Leaves can be bought from Maid of Scandia instead of using frosting as the leaves.

Margaret Leach  
Greg's Grandmother

### **VISITOR'S TO MUSEUM**

January – 30  
February – 18  
March – 30  
April – 28  
May – 161 . . . . . Total includes 84 students  
June – 84  
July – 149                      County Fair - 1331  
August – 202  
September – 42  
October – 77  
November –  
December -                      Total to Date - 2152

### **Helpful Hint #4**

To refinish antiques or revitalize wood, use equal parts of linseed oil, white vinegar, and turpentine. Rub into the furniture or wood with a soft cloth and lots of elbow grease

## **COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!**

DUST OFF YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPIES AND GET READY TO DO SOME BAKING. OUR ANNUAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND COOKIE WALK SALE IS COMING ON DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. WE ASK THAT OUR MEMBERS MAKE AT LEAST 4 DOZEN COOKIES AND HAVE THEM TO THE DEPOT MUSEUM BY 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. Bring your own containers to ensure freshness.

## **GENEALOGY GROUP RESEARCHING BLACK HISTORY IN AITKIN COUNTY**

Come to the Depot Museum on the second Saturday of the month at 10am and help with this project. We need your help collecting, researching and assembling information. Please share any information that you might have. Contact Greg at 927-3348 or email: [achs3348@embarqmail.com](mailto:achs3348@embarqmail.com).

## **AITKIN COUNTY EVENT BUTTONS**

I would like to see that the Museum has a complete set of Festival of Adventure Buttons and Riverboat days buttons. So if you run across any buttons from years past please bring them in. Once we get a complete set together we could put together a display. Also, if you run across any other souvenirs of events from Aitkin County please consider donating them to the Depot Museum. It is all part of our history. Let's make sure to preserve that history for future generations to enjoy!

We have the following buttons:

Palisade Mid-Winter Festival – 90 - 95  
Palisade Area Lions Health Fair - 92, 93  
Tamarack Hey Day Buttons – 98, 07, 08, 09  
Aitkin Riverboat Days – 86, 89 - 09  
Festival of Adventures – 93, 94, 97– 06, 09  
I Love My Jacobson Fire Dept. – 94, 95  
I Love My Palisade Fire Dept. – 92 - 95  
I Love My McGrath Fire Dept. 93, 94, 95  
I Love My McGregor Fire Dept. 93, 94, 95  
I Love My Hill City Fire Dept. 93, 94, 95  
I Love My Aitkin Fire Dept. 93, 94, 95  
Aitkin County Fair – 90, 08, 09  
Wild Rice Days – 01  
McGrath Threshing Show – 92 - 00, 07

## **THESE BUSINESSES SUPPORT US, PLEASE SUPPORT THEM**

AITKIN AREA CHAMBER  
AITKIN COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY  
AITKIN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC  
AITKIN FLOWERS & GIFTS  
AITKIN INDEPENDENT AGE  
AITKIN IRON WORKS  
AITKIN MOTOR COMPANY  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 86  
ARVIDSON TAX & ACCOUNTING  
BRANDS SMALL ENGINE REPAIR  
CUMMINGS AUTO SALES  
CUMMINGS OIL COMPANY  
CUYUNA COUNTRY CLUB  
ENBERG T.V.  
EYECARE CENTER OF AITKIN & MCGREGOR  
GARRISON DISPOSAL  
GOBLE'S SEWER SERVICE  
JANZEN AUCTIONEERS

GRAVELLE PLUMBING & HEATING  
GREAT RIVER GARDENS  
HOMETOWN BUILDING SUPPLY  
HUDRLIC CARPET  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS  
JIM BLAKESLEY ENTERPRIZES  
KKIN AM & FM RADIO  
LUNDBERG PLUMBING & HEATING  
MEMBERS COOP CREDIT UNION  
MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
PAULBECK'S COUNTY MARKET  
PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK  
RIALTO MOVIE THEATER  
RITTER SEWER & EXCAVATING  
SECURITY STATE BANK  
THRIVANT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS  
THE OFFICE SHOP  
MINNESOTA NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

## **GRANT WRITER NEEDED**

If you know how to write grants please share your talent with us. Help us locate and write grants for projects at the museum and with other organizations. Grants for up to \$7,000 are given out every month through the Legacy Grant program. We need to cover all of our fluorescent bulbs with UV tubes to protect our artifacts. Our Log Cabin needs to be chinked. The second display building could use motion detectors for our lights. Kiosks need to be built over some of our artifacts located outside. An addition to building two would free up space in the Depot for a research facility or additional displays. The trim on the Depot needs to be striped and repainted. Some repairs to the Depot need to be addressed. A cold storage building for additional storage could be used not only for storing artifacts but for storing items for our annual Garage Sale. A train car of some sort would be nice to have for our visitors to go through. **Help us to improve our facility so that our visitors have a better experience.**

### HOLLY WREATHS

1 Cup Butter	1 Scant tsp Soda
1 Cup Sugar	1 Scant tsp Baking Powder
1 Egg	¼ tsp Salt
2 tsp. Evaporated Milk	2 ½ Cups Flour
2 tsp. Vanilla	

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add egg, milk and vanilla. Stir until well mixed. Sift flour, then measure. Resift with soda, baking powder and salt. Stir into first mixture. Chill dough and press through pastry tube in shape of a holly wreath onto greased baking sheet. Decorate tops of wreaths with bits of angelica and candied cherries. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) for 10 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies

### FINGER COOKIES

Cream 7/8 cup shortening and 5 tablespoons white sugar. Add 1 tablespoon water, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups unsifted cake flour and 1 cup chopped nuts (coarse). Roll like fingers. Bake 20 minutes. When cool, roll in powdered sugar.

### FAIRY KISSES

Beat whites of 4 eggs stiff. Add

1 cup white sugar	3 cups Corn Flakes
1 cup coconut	1/3 tsp Salt
1 cup chopped nuts	1 tsp Vanilla

Drop by teaspoon on buttered pan. Bake in slow oven until brown.

### SANDBAKKEL-SE

2 cups Sugar	4 eggs
2 cups lard or shortening	1 tsp vanilla
1 cup butter	enough flour to make stiff dough.

Press dough into forms of different shapes and bake in hot oven

### HOLIDAY COOKIES

#### Old Fashioned Pepparkakor

Sift Together:	½ cup butter. Add gradually:
2 ½ cups sifted flour	¾ cup sugar, creaming until light and fluffy.
1 tsp. soda	Add:
1 ½ tsp ginger	1 unbeaten egg
1 ½ tsp. cinnamon	¾ cup molasses
1 tsp cloves	2 tsp graded orange rind
½ tsp ground cardamom	

Beat well. Stir in dry ingredients gradually, mixing until well blended. Cover. Chill overnight. (Dough may be used in small amounts, if desired; will keep 1 week). Roll out on well floured pastry cloth or board to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into shapes with variety of cookie cutters. Place on greased baking sheet. If desired, place blanched almond half in center of each cookie. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) 8 to 10 minutes. You can also decorate with confectioner's sugar frosting.

## SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES

### TOWNSHIPS OF

FARM ISLAND	NORDLAND
RICE RIVER	SPENCER
MACVILLE	PLINY
LAKESIDE	GLEN
LIBBY	IDUN
HAZELTON	
AITKIN COUNTY	

### Butter Saver

When butter is too hard to spread easily, use a vegetable peeler to shave off thin curls from the stick. Almost instantly they will be soft and easy to spread.

### Pie Baking Tip

When baking a fruit pie, cut soda straws in four pieces and insert into pie. Steam will escape through straws and pie will not run over in oven.

### Neat Trick

To remove nut meats whole, soak nuts overnight in salt water before cracking.

### No Stick

Rub butter on scissors before cutting marshmallows or fruit. It prevents sticking

### Save an Egg

To boil an egg that is cracked, just wrap it in aluminum foil and boil like any other egg.

DO NOT FORGET TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY TURNED IN TO THE DEPOT MUSEUM BY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEARS DRAWING. SIXTEEN GREAT PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT 2PM ON DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.

## **AITKIN OPERA HOUSE BUILDING**

Built in 1903, the Aitkin Opera House was the early cultural center of the community.

### **Cultural Center of the Community**

Aitkin sprang from the wilderness in 1871, materializing where the Mississippi and the railroad met. The settlement was a wild frontier lumber town and riverboat transportation center that swarmed with lumberjacks each summer as the 'boys' came to town to spend their paychecks in the 16 saloons and various "bawdy houses" in the community.

Knifings, shootings and street brawls, involving men fresh from the lumber camps, weren't uncommon in the early days. In sharp contrast, church socials, costume balls, literary clubs and theatre groups were equally commonplace.

In 1902, Samuel Hodgeden sought to enhance the cultural offerings of the community by constructing a new building that would contain a beautiful opera house. He traveled to Chicago and New York to visit the best opera houses in those cities to formulate plans for his own design.

The original building was a two-story structure with a footprint of 50' x 75'. One year later, Hodgeden expanded the original structure to double its size, making the total length 150'. Unlike the first section built a year earlier, this added section was constructed with bricks made in Aitkin from Mississippi mud and fired locally.

Many historians credit the birth of the shopping mall to the 1960's. The community of Aitkin challenges this theory. In the 1900's, Aitkin's opera house building housed a general merchandise store, bank, barber shop, hardware store, seed & deed warehouse, buggy & wagon shop, bath house and the opera house – all under one roof!

Any person could arrive in town by train or steamboat and could quite literally walk in the front door of the Hodgeden-MacDonald building and buy feed and hardware needed to start up their homestead, get needed food and clothing, a wagon and team to haul everything, a shave, a bath, take in a vaudeville performance at the opera house and get a bank loan to pay for everything --- all without ever having to leave the building! Truly cosmopolitan.

Article from [www.aitkin.com/butlers/aohb.htm](http://www.aitkin.com/butlers/aohb.htm)

## **LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

Do you know anyone who would like to become a member of the Aitkin County Historical Society? Someone who loves history and would like to learn more about Aitkin County. Or is into Genealogy, likes to fix things, web site design or looking for something to do now that they are retired. Many volunteer opportunities exist at the Depot Museum. We can use your help in finding new members to help us grow, become a better museum and to collect more artifacts for display. How can we make our web site more interactive and interesting. Can we make one that people want to return to time and time again. Send me any ideas you have to increase membership and improve our web site. (Greg 218-927-3348 or email [achs3348@embarqmail.com](mailto:achs3348@embarqmail.com))

## **SEND IN YOUR IDEAS FOR CHANGES TO THE MUSEUM**

What changes do you think we should make to the Museum? How can we make our visitors experience more fun and interesting? What displays would you like to see in the Museum? How can we attract more visitors to the Museum? Should we change our web site to be more interactive? What books would you like to see us carry in our store? Should we carry all of the local writer's books? Is there something that we are not doing that we should be? We need to come up with some new fundraisers. Send us your thoughts and ideas. Please do not assume that your idea has already been thought about. We need all of your thoughts and ideas so that we can plan out the future of the Historical Society and Depot Museum. What should we display next?

## **WHATS NEW IN OUR BOOK STORE**

Cabins of Minnesota  
Landscapes of Minnesota  
State Fair – The Great Minnesota Get-Together  
Minnesota County Fairs  
Wineries of Wisconsin and Minnesota  
Aitkin County Naturally – Your Birding and Nature Trail Guide  
Remedies and Rituals – Folk Medicine in Norway & the New Land  
Blueberry Summers – (Growing up at the Lake)  
The Tranquility Child by Terry Mejdrich  
A Cooks Tour of Minnesota  
Minnesota Vacation Days

Many other new books and gifts can be found in our store. Remember that all members receive a 10% discount in our gift store and those members who volunteer receive an additional 5% for a total discount of 15%. Let us know of items that you would like to see us carry in our store. The new Train Whistles for \$1.99 each are a big seller for us. What other items for children should we carry?

**PLEASE CONSIDER A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM STORE  
FOR SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

# STEP BACK IN TIME

## AITKIN INDEPENDENT AGE – NOVEMBER 30, 1909

### FERRYBOAT SUNK AT PINE KNOLL

#### TEAM BARELY ESCAPED AND LIVES WERE ENDANGERED

The Pine Knoll ferry has gone down. The big barge developed a leak of unusual proportion Saturday and shortly after having taken a team across safely, filled with water and went to the bottom. The mishap might have been fatal – in fact, came very near being so – and should be regarded with a good deal of seriousness.

Travel with light loads may cross the Aitkin Bridge and go by way of the meadows while things are frozen up, but early in the spring something will have to be done. This again brings up the demand for a road across the meadows that will be passable at all times of the year and also revives the demand for a Pine Knoll bridge.

It has been discovered since the sinking of the boat that the line holding it has been cut and the swift current is drifting it down stream. Ferryboats being out of date and a menace to life and property perhaps its loss may be a good thing for those who have to cross the Mississippi, and possibly for the taxpayers.

### AITKIN CASH STORE

#### SPECIAL BARGAINS THIS WEEK

Swift's Pride Soap, 7 bars for .....	25c	Oatmeal, 7 pounds for .....	25c
Cracked Rice, 7 pounds for .....	25c	Prunes, 7 pounds for .....	25c
Canned Corn, guaranteed to please, 4 cans .....	25c	3-Crown Raisins, per pound only .....	7c

## AITKIN REPUBLICAN OCTOBER 25, 1934

### Do's and Don'ts For Junior High

For the benefit of the many new students and old students as well who evidently do not know what the "do's" and "don'ts" about order in the junior assembly are, Mr. Aanestad has gladly given our staff the following information.

Study period is conducted from 8:25 until 8:55. Anyone entering the assembly during that time is expected to take his seat and study or at least keep quiet so his "industrious" neighbors can study. At 8:55 roll is taken, and, quoting one of our principals, "that is one time during the day when I do want it quiet."

During vacant periods the students are expected to remain in the assembly, and pass slips must be secured if any wish to leave to go to the library or see a teacher. All students who are absent must bring with them an excuse from their parents and must then obtain from Mr. Aanestad an admittance slip which they must present to each teacher for their assignments. If all work is not make up within a certain specified time the students receive a failing grade on the work missed.

Incidentally, the reward for obeying "do's" and "don'ts" is a royal blue mark in deportment and a possibility of receiving all blue marks on report cards. Anyone desiring to find out the penalty for disobedience may just not do the "do's" and do the "don'ts" and he will certainly and speedily find out.

### RED OWL FOOD STORES

#### HALLOWEEN FOOD SALE

Marshmallows, 1 Lb.....	17c	Lux Soap.....	4 bars.....	25c	Pumpkin.....	2 No. 2 1/2 cans.....	19c
Tokay Grapes, 3 Lbs.....	25c	Lettuce.....	2 head's.....	15c	Sweet Potatoes... 8 Lbs.....	25c	
Maxwell House Coffee, 1 Lb.....	32c	Cauliflower.. Large head ...	15c		Crackers.....	2 Lb caddy.....	19c
Grapefruit.....	4 for...25c	Cocoanut.....	1 lb.....	23c	Red Pitted Cherries..	2 No.2 cans	23c

## AITKIN INDEPENDENT AGE – NOVEMBER 26, 1959

### Large crowd Enjoys Turkey Shoot Sunday

The Aitkin Archery club was host to a number of neighboring clubs Sunday, November 22, when they held a turkey shoot. Guests attended from the Grand Rapids, St. Cloud, Cloquet, Coon Rapids and Finlayson clubs and the large crowd enjoyed the novelty shoot.

The door prize, a Chippewa shirt donated by the Potter Co., was won by Gale Goehring, St. Cloud; a 15 pound turkey, Don Gage, Aitkin; 10 pound turkey, Eldon Bartell, Grand Rapids; arrow holder, Ed Ellson, Finlayson; a Joni hand warmer to each, Cliff Schroeder, Aitkin and Len Ellson, Finlayson; Wanderer compass, Vince Koenige, Finlayson; and brush buttons, Kay Schmitt, Aitkin.

### **THANKSGIVING – Time To Rejoice and be Thankful**

It's Thanksgiving . . . a time to gather together with friends and loved ones . . . to go with our families to church, there to join our neighbors in giving thanks . . . gratefully, prayerfully . . . for all our many blessings. May the great joys of Thanksgiving be yours.

### DOLLAR DAYS AT IGA

Folgers Coffee . . . 2lb can . . .	\$1.29	Texas Grapefruit . . . . .	10 for 39c	U.S. Choice Beef Roasts . . .	49c lb
Hunts tomato sauce 8oz can .	11 for \$1	Libby's Chili . . . 24oz can	2 for \$1	Pure Ground Beef . . . 2lbs	for 89c
IGA flour . . . 50 lb bag . . . . .	\$2.99	Libby's Kidney beans . . .	8 for \$1	Campbell's Tomato Soup	10 for \$1
IGA sandwich cookies 2lb pkg.	for 39c	Libby's tomato juice 29oz	can 5 for \$1	Early June peas 303 can	8 for \$1



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### **GET INVOLVED NOW!!!**

Find all of your old family photo albums and a comfortable chair. Look for old photos of local businesses, events, bridges, fences, relatives, steamboats, railroad trains, homes, farms, schools, churches, and cemeteries. Look for any photo that shows something about Aitkin County history. Maybe it is a family photo from the early 1900's. Do you have any pictures of logging camps or loggers floating logs down the Mississippi? If you find any interesting photos please consider donating them to the Museum or let us make a copy for our files. Every picture is important to the completion of Aitkin County history. **Do not throw them away!**

### **GARAGE SALE DATE CHANGE**

Next year the Garage Sale will be moved to August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Riverboat Heritage Days will be moving to get away from week after the County Fair. At this time it is my understanding the event will also be moved off of Main Street to the County fair grounds. It is possible that Crazy Days will also move to this weekend. This change will give us three weeks to set up the Garage Sale instead of 3 days. We will also benefit from more traffic coming to the Fair grounds. It also means that we will not have two big events two weeks in a row. **NOTE: Historical Society now collects garage sale items all year long.** Please think of us when you are cleaning out your house. **All donations are tax deductible!**

### **QUILTING DISPLAY COMING**

*Coming during September 2010 thru the middle of November 2010 we will feature an antique/vintage quilt display throughout the Museum. Our display will be part of a group effort between Jaques Art Center, Aitkin Public Library and the Historical Society. The three organizations will work together to display Quilts of the past and present. This event gives us an opportunity to work with other groups in the Community and coordinate our displays which will help to draw added visitors to our Museum. Do you have any old unique Quilts that you would be willing to loan to the Museum to be put on display?*

### **MEMORY SHARING**

Have you taken time to write down your memories of growing up in Aitkin County? If not, now is the time to start. Put aside some time every day and start to write them down. It might be only 5 or 10 minutes a day. Think about things that happened to you or around you at different times in your life. Write down if you got married, to whom, any children, when they were born, where you have lived over the years. When you have all of your memories down on paper share them with the Historical Society. Your memories are part of our history and they are important. Let future generations know about your life growing up in Aitkin County.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN JANUARY**

Very soon we will be selecting our nominating committee who will be calling our membership list seeking candidates for election at our annual meeting in January. We have several vacancies and a need for board members who care about our society's future. There are important issues to take care of each month. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am. We are seeking candidates who will volunteer to head committees, chair special events, attend monthly meetings, and be visible in the county as representatives of the Aitkin County Historical Society. When you are called (or you could just volunteer), please consider the importance of the position. As always we seek candidates from all over AITKIN COUNTY, so if you live out and about, but still in Aitkin County, say "Yes" and represent your corner of the county by serving on the Board of Trustees. Thank You!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009**

**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE/COOKIE WALK**

This year's event will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Depot Museum. Start dusting off those Christmas Cookie recipes so that you will be ready to bake up some cookies the first week of December for our annual cookie walk. Bake some old family favorites this year for our Cookie sale. We need all of your help to make this event successful. So, pull out your recipes, wash your pans and start baking. Holiday display by Jo White will be Teddy Bears this year. Raffle Drawing, for the sixteen prizes, will be at 2 pm.

**GENEALOGY**

Next meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Come and join the group. Help with our research project on the Aitkin County Black history. Learn about different web sites to help with your Genealogy search.

**COLLECTIONS**

Next meeting for Collections will be held on the second Friday of January due to the holidays.  
January 8, 2010 at 9:30am

**MUSEUM HOURS**

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Tue., Wed., Fri., & Sat. – 10:00am – 4:00pm

SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

Wed., Fri. & Sat. – 10:00am – 4:00pm

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