

## Scott Co. Baseball

Local author Tom Melchior has a special love for the game of baseball. He has been sharing his knowledge of the game in a series of articles in the SCHS column of the *Scott County Scene*.

The next two articles will be dedicated to the history of St. Benedict baseball. In conjunction with the articles, a special exhibit of St. Benedict baseball memorabilia will be on display at SCHS. Look for your invitation to a special baseball night here at the museum in October.

Anyone interested in sharing their memories of Scott County baseball (whether or not you played) should call Tom Melchior at 445-4109.

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## SCHS Member Henrietta Stiles Honored by County

Family and friends joined the Scott County Commissioners at their meeting on August 14 to honor Henrietta Stiles for 10 years of service to the SCHS as a board member.

Commissioner Art Bannerman awarded a certificate of appreciation followed by remarks from Dr. Pistulka, past society president, Jay Whiting, current president, and Judy Hentges, society education coordinator.

Henrietta will continue to be an active volunteer and is currently helping



Photograph by Megan Schaack, SCHS.

gather Belle Plaine information for an upcoming communities exhibit. As Jay Whiting said, "We're not letting Henrietta get away... we have plans for her!"

## We Asked, You Answered: Member Survey Results

We are pleased with the response from our membership survey. The overall comments are very positive.

To date, the most wanted adult program, by a 2 to 1 margin, is lectures/speakers. Members are most interested in family history followed closely by Native Americans and immigration. *A Call to Arms: Veterans* exhibit brought the most members out for an exhibit opening.

There is 100% support for *Connections* when asked, "if the content keeps you informed about the activities of SCHS." 98% vote to keep *Connections* a quarterly publication.

One member wrote, "I have absolutely nothing to complain about—

even your hours are liberal and qualified persons on duty rival major facilities." Another member wrote, "Keep up the good work!", and we intend to.

In response for the request for lectures, new programs are currently being considered for January 2002. A lecture series would take place at the museum every other month.

Also in consideration is a history book club to meet one evening a month at the Stans House. Both programs would be free and open to everyone. Watch for more details in the next *Connections*.

Haven't mailed your survey in? There is still time. We'd love to hear from you.

## Learn How to Preserve Your Precious Collections and Heirlooms

Do you have family treasures you want to preserve for generations? A little knowledge will help extend the life of your special objects.

Join Minnesota State Historical Society Chief Conservator Bob Herskovitz and learn how to properly care for and store all types of objects, including books, papers, photographs, textiles, metal, and wood.

Bring an object from home and receive special advice on its care. Mr. Herskovitz uses these items as examples to explain how to best preserve, store, and display special collections, and family heirlooms.

The Family Treasures workshop is Tuesday, October 16 at the Prior Lake Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Join us before the workshop for the Scott County Historical Society's annual meeting from 6:30 to 7:00.



Photograph by Sheila Morris of the Waseca County Historical Society.

Everyone is welcome at this free Scott County Historical Society event co-sponsored by the MHS Conservation Outreach Program, Scott County Libraries, Shakopee Community Education, and New Prague Community Education. Call 445-0378 for more information.

## Recent Additions to the Society's Collection: Thank You Donors



Fritz Kahle, Belle Plaine, c. 1890. Gift from Leo Albrecht, Jr.

- Audrey McGovern: Her first Smith-Corona typewriter.
- Richard Zaun: Zaun family history.
- Carol Majerus: Pink glass lamp and shade.
- Betty Dols: Black and silver pant suit and mask worn at insurance conventions by donor.
- Jack Hart: Photograph of Catherine Hart of St. Patrick.
- Constance Johnson: Photograph of St. Mark's graduating class.
- Leo Albrecht: 15 photographs from Belle Plaine and Blakely, Albright Bros. Circus agreement, Jay Gould Circus certificate.
- Murphy's Landing: Membership card to the Christian Mother's Society in Jordan.
- SCHS Acquisitions: *Montgomery: From the Big Woods to the Kolacky Capital, Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volumes I-IV.*

## Mamer & Deutsch Hardware and Implements, New Prague

The Mamer & Deautch building was located at 400 West Main Street in New Prague, adjacent to the railroad tracks. The building reportedly began as a farmers hotel, originally built directly across the street on the north side. It was later moved and Frank J. Maertz set up his hardware business.

In 1904, *the New Prague Times* announced C.J. Busch and Peter Mamer as new business owners.

“C.J. Busch and Peter Mamer recently removed to this place from St. Leo, where they were engaged in the hardware business, purchased the hardware store from F.J. Maertz last week. Both of these gentlemen are well versed in this line of business and will prove important factors in the hardware trade in this city. They are no strangers to our people, as they were former residents of this vicinity, and consequently need no introduction from us....”

When the hardware store opened in 1904, it was not known as Mamer and Deutsch, that did not happen until 1913. Peter Mamer had two earlier partners and the store went under the names of “Mamer & Busch” and “Mamer & Schoenecker.”



The F.J. Maertz building, home of the Mamer & Deutch Hardware Store, New Prague around 1913.



Delivery day at Mamer & Deutsch Hardware Store around 1914.

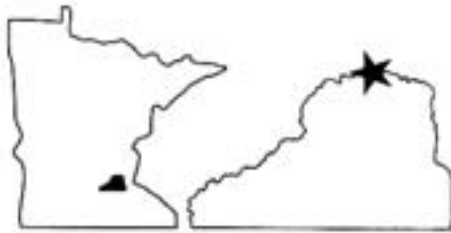


Interior of Mamer & Deutsch Hardware store around 1913. The women in the photograph are: Sophia Deutsch Mamer, Sophia Deutsch, Kate Mamer, and Anna Mamer. The young girl is Loretta Mamer Robel.

In 1910, Mamer’s original partner, Christ Busch, moved to Eden Valley, Minnesota to work with his brother-in-law in the hardware business there. “Mamer & Schoenecker” was a short lived venture as well, lasting only three years.

In 1913, Peter Mamer was joined in business by his brother-in-law, Joseph P. Deutsch. Leo Mamer, Peter’s son, joined the business and continued its operation until 1972 when it was sold to Chuck Bohnsack. That same year the original building was torn down to make way for new construction.

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## Don't Miss These Great Historical Society Events Coming Up Soon!

**Sept. 15**

**Dozinky Day**

Stop by the SCHS booth in New Prague from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to play the guessing game and make a craft. Don't miss this German/Czech celebration.

**Sept. 29**

**Harvest Festival at Local Book Store**

Visit Little Shakopee Books at 120 Holmes St. at 11:00 a.m. for their special Harvest Festival. SCHS has been invited to participate with an original, never before seen puppet show.

**Sept. 22**

**City to Country Tour**

Join SCHS and Scott County Extension for the third annual self-guided tour. The SCHS site for this year is the round Kajer/dEvine barn in New Market Township which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Includes tours, crafts, and demonstrations.

**Oct. 16**

**Family Treasures Workshop and Annual Meeting**

Join us at 6:30 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library for this free workshop at our annual meeting. Learn how to take care of your family treasures. (See article, page 2.)

**Sept. 27**

**Monthly Crazy Quilt Meeting**

Join the crazy quilting group at their monthly fourth-Thursday evening get-together from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Learn to quilt or share your knowledge with others. Everyone welcome. Free.

**Oct. 20**

**AHH! Family Day**

The puppet show, "It's Fair Time!", tells the story of a family trip to the fair and their quest for blue ribbons. Kids can make corn husk dolls to take home. Stop by from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Puppet show at 11:00 a.m. Free.

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