

## A "HOME"

Thanks to the efforts of President Ron Tessmer and the permission of the St. Francis School Board and Principal William Parks, the St. Francis Historical Society has the use of a few rooms on the second floor of Thompson Avenue School. We can now gather together in one place, all the papers, artifacts, and memorabilia that we possess. They can then be organized and stored there. The rooms can be used to prepare exhibits for showing in other locations. Meetings such as for the Board of Directors can be held there. A major step forward!

## ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

On October 2, 1983 our annual arts and crafts fair was held. According to observers it was bigger and better than ever with thirty-five sellers with quality items. Even though it is held every year, it remains fresh because new items are always available. This year homemade jams, torts, and jellies were offered for the first time in one of the booths.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our annual raffle.

First prize: A homemade quilt to Kim Dressnandt, Cudahy  
Second prize: A bushel of cheer to Mike Rudolf, St. Francis  
Third prize: A food certificate to Kathy Luce, St. Francis

## CONVENTION

The 1983 Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, sponsored by the Wisconsin State Historical Society was held in Madison on November 11th and 12th. Four members from our Society were in attendance: Kathy Schwingle, Diane Johnston, Lois Neubauer, and Marge Symkowski.

Participants at the convention were treated to behind the scenes areas of the State Society: 1. How the museum stores its artifacts, 2. a viewing of the library collection, 3. the conservation service center where documents are restored and repaired and 4. a tour of the exhibitions productions shop. (would there be enough members interested in viewing these facilities to sponsor a tour ?)

Some observations of the group were that the State Society has the same problems as local units. It is difficult to have enough storage space, a lot of possessions are inaccessible to the public, articles such as clothing are not properly preserved and the volume of paper requires the use of microfilm and microfiche.

On Saturday the group visited the Local History Resource Center where twelve different ways the State Society could help local units were explained. One idea that caught our members eyes was the availability of the traveling heritage trunk which could be borrowed to display locally owned exhibits.

The convention closed with a luncheon and program. Some local societies were given awards for their activities such as writing a historic play or book.

Sounds like a wonderful, memorable two day trip.

## SNOWBOUND

Our November 28th general membership meeting was minus it's scheduled speaker. She was unable to leave Colorado where transportation was halted because of snow. The topic of the meeting was to have been, Old World Wisconsin in Eagle.

But all was far from lost. With a little society luck plus graciousness of a member of the audience, a successful meeting was still held.

Mrs. Ann Kratt offered to speak to the group about the Historic Pabst mansion in Milwaukee. Mrs. Kratt is a volunteer guide at the mansion. Thanks to Mrs. Kratt for "saving the day".

JANUARY 30, 1984

Start the new year right by attending our next general membership meeting.

Your memory will be refreshed by a slide presentation of a by-gone mode of transportation, the street car and inter-urban of the Milwaukee area. The program will be presented by officers and members of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Transit Historical Society.

The general public and members of other historical societies are invited to this meeting at the St. Francis Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next Historical Society meeting will be held on Monday January 30, 1984. Our program is set and of course we will be electing new directors for the three year term of 1984, 1985, and 1986. At this time we are planning to make this a pot luck dinner meeting - bring a dish that will serve approximately 8 persons. More will be mailed about this meeting in January.

Notes from around the community:

The Milwaukee County Historical Society auxillary will host a special event called "Historically Musical". It will be held on Saturday January 28th at the Historical center. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. followed by a musical program in key with the golden age of sheet music. Guests are invited and a fee of \$1.00 will be charged.

Thomas More High School is planning on hosting a Renaissance '84 auction on April 7, 1984 - new items and antiques will be auctioned.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin is now selling the 1984 Wisconsin calendars, if interested give me a call at 483-5100.

With the holidays upon us once again please allow me to take this opportunity to express my sincere wish for each of you to have a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

As a society we have enjoyed a very good year. I and the board of directors thank everyone for their help and support through out the year. Thanks especially to all the chairmen who have worked so very deligently to see their task through.

Membership dues are now due, billings are being prepared and will be mailed with this news letter. This year along with your own membership how about asking a friend and/or neighbor to join and send it along with your's.

In keeping with our program started earlier this year I'm pleased to welcome our new members:

Nancy Muzia  
James McManus  
Dorothy Wacholz

We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting - January 30, 1984

After developing our newsletter in 1979 and over seeing it's publication each quarter for the past four years Terry Duffy has asked to be relieved as it's chairman and starting with our next issue a new chairman will be given it 's responsibility. Thank you Terry for all the time and effort you have put into this project. It should be a great deal easier for our next chairman because you did it first. I hope you will continue at least as an occasional contributing author.

#### QUESTIONS

Did you ever wonder how the streets in St. Francis were given their name ? For example, how about Kinnickinnic Avenue, Packard Avenue, Thompson Avenue, Layton Avenue, Whitnall Avenue. How about the street that you live on ?

Why do some of the streets in the area run on an angle instead of straight ?

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll. Xxcxpt for onx kxy, that is. Thxrx arx 46 kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs likx my typxwritxr, not all thx kxys arx working proprly. You may say, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. It won't makx much diffxrxncx." But, you should say, and you can sxx that thx group to bx xffctivx nxxds thx activx participation of vxry pxrson.

"So thx ntxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson, rxmxmbr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, 'I am a kxy pxrson, and I am nxxdxd vxry much!'"

