

# RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY



*“Echoes of the Past”*

Twelfth Annual Convention

July 7th-9th, 1988

Red Wing, Minnesota

JULY 1988

Members of the Red Wing Collectors Society:

## Welcome to Red Wing for your Twelfth Annual Convention!

We are pleased you have once again chosen to hold your annual gathering in our city. As I have indicated before, you are special visitors because of the interest you have in our past.

Please enjoy the beauty and friendliness of our city. As you look around you will notice the completion of a new parking ramp across the street from the St. James Hotel and a new park there as well.

We are continually striving to improve our city and its accommodations for our visitors. Please come back again.

*Joanell M. Dyrstad*  
Mayor

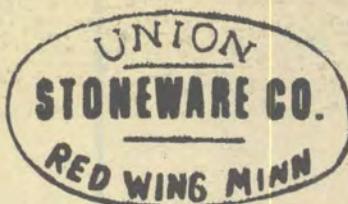


# Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc.

Started in 1977, this organization is dedicated to the collection and preservation of Red Wing and other American stoneware and pottery. The goals are to research the history of pottery in America, to share that information, to establish a network of collectors, to bring collectors together at an annual convention, and to encourage the buying, selling and trading of stoneware and pottery. We look to expand the public's

awareness of stoneware and pottery not only as an art form but as a historical reflection of American culture. By-laws have been established in order to promote our goals, to enhance friendships among collectors, to recruit new members, to support our elected officials, and to be at all times a credit to our organization. (Preamble to By-Laws).

Membership as of June 1, 1988 is 2,482.

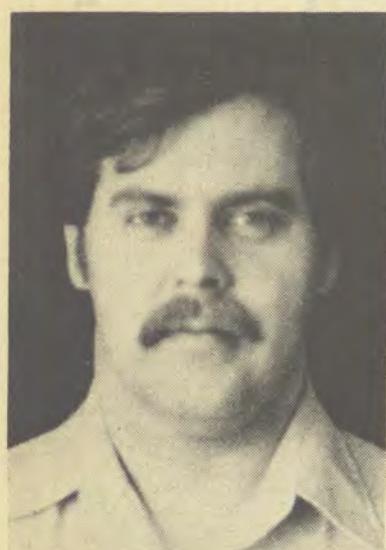


### Guest Speaker

Gary Tefft is to be the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening. His topic will be "The History of Red Wing."

Gary, native of Red Wing, is a long time history researcher and collector of history, Red Wing pottery, and Red Wing memorabilia. He is co-chairman, with his wife Bonnie, of the commemorative committee, a member of the Board of RWCS and past vice president.

Gary and Bonnie are authors of the book, *Red Wing Potters and Their Wares*.



The Red Wing Collectors Society  
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Editor: Helen E. Bell

### On the cover



This little bird house was made in 1925 as a school project by Orville Olson, now curator of the Goodhue County Historical Museum. The clay and firing were provided by his father who worked at the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Factory. — Red Wing Potters and Their Wares — Gary and Bonnie Tefft.



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# Moving the clay

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Among the early haulers were the Mann brothers, Jim and George Sr. . . .

When the spur track was built they also built a turntable for turning locomotives around. It was used only a short time before it caught fire from sparks and burned. It was never replaced. After that the engines ran backward one way between Red Wing and the pits. The train brought empty cars and returned with loads two or three times a week."



Courtesy of Polly Betterly



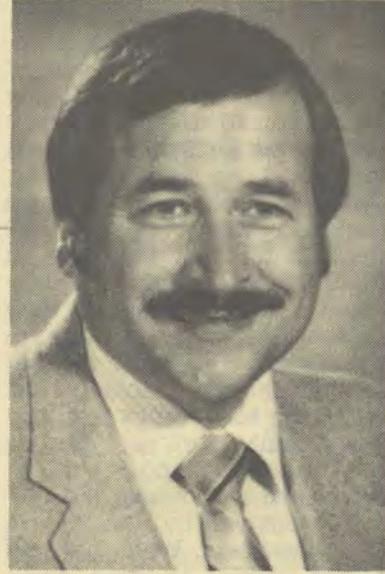
Postcard showing "the beautiful Pottery and Dinnerware Salesroom which attracts thousands of visitors each year." The coffee shop at the left served food only on Bob White china. The Garden Shop at the right could be a bonanza at times. It held ware classified as "thirds" and, if a lucky day, you could find a Lute Song dinner plate for as little as ten cents.

## Greetings from the President

Welcome to the 1988 Convention of the Red Wing Collectors' Society. This promises to be a fantastic convention. Again, a new and exciting feature has been added this year — an ice cream social courtesy of the Red Wing Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the merchants of Red Wing will remain open until 7:00 P.M. on Friday to accommodate Society members.

The fast pace and excitement of this convention never ceases to amaze me. There is always something going on. The convention offers a great Education Day, professional displays, an overwhelming show and sale and an auction that is second to none. The community of Red Wing offers a beautiful setting, an opportunity to have fun on the Mississippi River, excellent antique shops, special Red Wing sales, a nice place to shop and warm hospitality.

Have a great time and WELCOME the 1988 Convention!



Dan DePasquale



## Welcome new chairpersons of the Display Committee

Gary and Cindy Antoline moved to Minnesota in 1985. They started collecting Village Green Dinnerware in February of 1985. They joined the RWCS during the Convention of that year. Gary is currently employed by Atwater Groups and Cindy is employed by Wilson Apartments both in St. Paul. Cindy and Gary live in Cottage Grove with their three children, ages 7, 6, and 4. We are happy to have Cindy and Gary on the Board and hope they will enjoy their committee work.

## Members of the Board

Dan de Pasquale, president  
Stanley J. Bougie, vice president  
Gloria Sanders, secretary  
Jerry Flicek, treasurer  
Bonnie Tefft, historian  
David Newkirk, membership  
Gail de Pasquale, education  
Helen Bell, public relations  
Delores Callstrom, housing  
Gary and Bonnie Tefft, commemorative  
Phyllis & Arlan Johnson, convention  
Gloria and Bob Sanders, security  
Cindy and Gary Antoline, displays  
Roger Blohm, past president

## Resources of Red Wing

Goodhue County Republican, May 30, 1878

### Editors of Republican:

In further answering the question, "What can be done to advance the interests of Red Wing," I shall aim to be more specific than in my former communication. Last week stated that there is no reason why Red Wing should not become a city of twenty thousand inhabitants. What basis is there upon which to build such hopes? First, let us look at her natural resources. Their development has only just begun . . .

We have in our immediate neighborhood clays of a superior quality for common red brick, for yellow and white brick and for a superior quality of fire

brick. Our clays, also, have been proved to be equal, if not superior, to any in use for all varieties of terra cotta manufacture, for stoneware, sewer pipe and drain tile, and for yellow and Rockingham wares. The beginnings already made sufficiently demonstrate that Red Wing should take the lead in the manufacture of this class of articles. The demand for them is increasing and is, practically, unlimited. Here, also, is an opportunity for the investment of a large amount of capital, the employment of a small host of laboring men, the resulting product of which will demand extensive facilities for transportation . . . You may admit that Red Wing has much potential before her." ENTERPRISE.

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- Information on new books written on Red Wing
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### The privilege of:

- Attending the national convention and taking part in its many activities
- Purchasing a commemorative piece
- Attending state chapter meetings

### APPLICATION FORM

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Quotes from their catalog

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### Style to go functional

## New pottery makes eating peas a breeze

by Mary C. Brown

Date and newspaper unknown.

Red Wing, Minn. — Christmas won't be over on Dec. 25 as housewives go — they've another surprise in store come January.

It's a new style pottery designed by Mrs. Eva Zeisel, New York, for the Red Wing Potteries, Red Wing, Minn.

The designer's way of describing the new ware is to say "the plates look at you" and she's right. The back of the

plate rears up and the dish is slightly off center. In fact each article in the set is that way. It's wholly functional — wholly usable. No more of this trying to garner those last few peas on the dinner plate.

All one needs to do with the new plate is steer the wayward peas toward the tilted back and presto they just naturally roll onto the fork.

Pitchers in the new line don't have handles. One side of them is built up in a sort of protruding

petal arrangement which fits neatly into the hand. The new ware will be put out in four colors which will be muted tones rather than the brilliant shades long associated with pottery.

Another boon to housewives also available in January is a mixing bowl designed by Mrs. Zeisel from an idea by H.H. Varney, president of the Red Wing Potteries, Inc. The bowl has a sort of lip on one side which provides an indentation for the thumb and forefinger of the left hand and allows its user to get a firm hold of the bowl. Opposite this grip is a pouring spout making it easy to transfer cake batter and any other mixed product into a baking pan.

These completely modernistic pieces are quite a departure from the original product of the plant which started out manufacturing stoneware.

Jugs, jars, churns, milk pans and other utility pieces were the staple items of the first Red Wing Stoneware Company organized in 1876 by John Rich.

There's a legend around Red Wing about how it all got started. Seems the brother of a Red Wing man living near Goodhue found pockets of clay on his land. From this substance he fashioned clay pipes and baked them. The two brothers later made bowls and while

these were crude they did show the nature of the clay was such that it would stand firing.

The whole idea reaches the ears of a group of Red Wing businessmen and thus the stoneware business was born.

As Mr. Varney explains, everything that came along curtailed the use of stoneware. "Cream separators took away the milk pan business," he said. "Glass, aluminum and enamelware also took business away."

But that's all changed now since realization came that pottery for the kitchen can be just as styled as anything else. Charles Murphy, a professional designer, was employed and from then on a new era in pottery began. Mr. Murphy visioned a new line and his New Orleans and Brittany patterns in the French provincial manner make charming tables. Now with both Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Zeisel thinking up new designs business is booming.

As soon as possible the present plant will be rebuilt on a three-year plan. When finished it will consist of three units. Plans are underway to spend some \$500,000 in revamping the business. The plant will devote itself entirely to class products and stoneware will be just a memory. No kitchen articles will be made unless they are highly styled."



Courtesy Goodhue County Historical Society Museum

### Shipping time

Workmen of Red Wing Sewer Pipe, Factory "A", load pipe on boxcars. Patient horses; busy men.

## Welch Trading Post

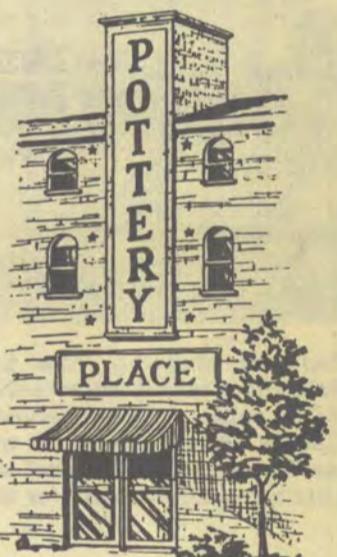
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Courtesy Goodhue County Historical Society Museum

**Red Wing Sewer "B" located in 1300 block of West Main Street.**

## Sewer pipe industry

**Byron Brown, former curator,  
Goodhue County Museum**

In 1891 the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company was organized with E.H. Blodgett as president. Other officers were F.W. Hoyt and Freidrich Bush. The organization purchased a building located on the north side of Main Street, in the 1300 block from the Red Wing Wagon Works.

In 1892 the John H. Rich Sewer Pipe Company was established and a new factory was erected on the tannery road. Officers were John H. Rich, president; Horace Rich, treasurer; and W.H. Putnam, secretary.

Relations between the two plants were cordial and they occupied the same offices.

In 1901 the two companies consolidated under the name of the oldest company, the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company. John H. Rich was elected president; E.M. Blodgett, vice president; Horace Rich, treasurer; C.H. Sheldon, secretary. The plant on west Main street became known as plant "B" and the one on the tannery road plant "A." The plants prospered and in 1907 there were 250 men employed.

Plant "B" burned down in 1902 and was immediately rebuilt. The plant ran well until the 1930's when it was shut-down frequently. In 1943 it was

shut-down entirely. The building stood idle several years until it was purchased by Titus Johnson and used as a Tire Shop. The building burned down in 1955 and was never rebuilt.

In 1922 factory "A" also burned down and was rebuilt. The plant has operated since. In 1969 Can-Tex Industries acquired all stock of the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company and is now operating under that name. (1970's)

YOU ARE INVITED:

## PARTY IN THE PARK

Red Wing Collector Society Convention Ice Cream Social, hosted by the Red Wing Chamber of Commerce, Retailers.

When: Friday, July 8th

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Time: 7-9 p.m.

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**Red Wing Republican  
October 21, 1896**

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# 1988 RWCS CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

## THURSDAY

- 10:00-12:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
 12:00- Concessions available in the Bergwall Arena Lobby  
 12:00-6:00 Registration — RWTI Commons  
 12:00-3:00 Auction check-in — Arena Lobby  
 12:00-6:00 Auction bid numbers distributed — Arena Lobby  
 2:00-6:00 Distribution of prepaid commemoratives — RWTI Commons  
 3:00-6:00 Auction viewing — Arena  
 6:30- Auction — Arena

## FRIDAY:

- 8:00-11:00 Set up displays — RWTI 2-130  
 9:00-10:15 Registration — RWTI Commons  
 9:00-10:00 Distribution of Commemoratives — RWTI Commons  
 9:00-10:15 Sale of Educational Materials — RWTI Commons  
 10:15-11:30 General Session — RWTI Commons  
 11:30-3:30 Registration — RWTI Commons  
 11:30-3:30 Sale of Educational Materials — RWTI Commons  
 11:30-3:30 Displays are open — RWTI 2-130  
 11:30-1:00 Distribution of Commemoratives — RWTI Commons  
 12:00-1:00 Group "A" moves Show and Sale items into the Arena  
 1:00-3:20 Educational Seminars — RWTI  
 3:30-4:30 Business Meeting — RWTI Commons  
 4:30-5:30 Group "B" moves Show and Sale items into the Arena  
 7:00-9:00 Chamber of Commerce Party and Ice Cream Social in Central Park

## SATURDAY:

- 8:00-9:00 Set up for Show and Sale — Bergwall Arena  
 9:00-2:00 Registration — Arena  
 9:00-2:00 Show and Sale — Arena  
 9:00 Checks from auction distributed — Arena  
 9:00-10:30 Distribution of Commemoratives — Arena  
 10:00-1:30 Displays are open — RWTI 2-130  
 11:00 Distribution of Extra Commemoratives — RWTI Commons  
 11:00-2:00 Show and Sale open to public — Arena  
 6:00 Banquet Social Hour — St. James Hotel  
 7:00 Banquet serving begins — St. James Hotel

Convention sessions for members only.  
 Show and sale open to public, Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## OVERVIEW OF P.M. SEMINARS

		Room 1-102	Room 1-107 & 1-108	Room 4-109 & 4-116	Room 1-118 & 1-119	Room 1-124
Session 1	1:00 to 1:40	Orientation for 1st Time Convention Goers Mary Bang	Stoneware Oddities Carol Schaeffer and Jewell Peterson	Pierson: Wisconsin Potter to Red Wing Jobber Dennis and Nona Yaeggi	Red Wing From A to Z Larry Peterson	Demonstration of Dinnerware Handpainting Bernice Simone
Session 2	1:50 to 2:30	Stoneware/Pottery Identification Panel John McMorris and Jack Vye		The Casting Process Curt and Karen Nyberg		
Session 3	2:40 to 3:20		From Butterflies to Bob White Con and Sandy Short		Stoneware Found in the Red Wing Dump Steve Showers	City of Red Wing - River, People, Industry Helen Bell

### A.M. GENERAL SESSION

- 10:15-10:45 Introduction and Welcome — Gail DePasquale  
 Slide Presentation of New Finds During the Past Year  
 10:45-11:30 The History of the World's Pottery — Part One — Lyndon Viel (New Berlin, Wisconsin)

This is an overview of the history of humankind and its clay objects (styles, decorating, techniques, usages). Civilizations have always had a love affair with making things useful and pretty — out of mud. There are many traditions, which in spite of the modern age, seem to be intrinsic to the human psyche when it comes to ceramic. Including today — engine parts and re-entry shields. We are still fascinated with the mud of our creation.

Lyndon is a pastor of the United Methodist Church presently at New Berlin and Waukesha, Wisconsin. He writes: "I got interested in Red Wing from Mother, as she had many dishes. We had relatives in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota and when we visited, Red Wing was en route. I started collecting in 1976 and caught the fever. After becoming a self-proclaimed 'expert,' Ann said (jeeringly): 'If you're so smart why don't you write a book?' The rest is history."

11:30-1:00 Lunch



Lyndon Viel

### P.M. SEMINAR SESSIONS

- Orientation for 1st Time Convention Goers — Mary Bang (Edina, Minnesota)  
 Session 1 in Room 1-102

Mary will serve as hostess of this seminar for new members and/or 1st time convention participants. Tips on how to get the most out of the convention without being overwhelmed, overdosed (on Red Wing!) and overtired will be discussed as well as providing a forum for sharing member expectations.

Mary and her husband, Otto, are "crossover" Red Wing collectors. That is, they collect both dinnerware (1st love) and stoneware. They have been active members of the Gopher Chapter for many years.



Mary Bang

- Stoneware/Pottery Identification Panel — John McMorris (Independence, Iowa) and Jack Vye (Mt. Morris, Illinois)  
 Sessions 2 and 3 in Room 1-102

A rare opportunity is being afforded convention goers this year through this seminar. Each of us, it seems, has at least one piece of stoneware that we are unable to identify. The panel members will be available for examination of items (or pictures) brought to the convention by members. Their extensive knowledge and hands-on experience of stoneware from many different areas enhance this valuable service. No attempt at placing values on items brought will be given.

John McMorris is a long time member of not only the RWCS but also the Blue/White, Old Sleepy Eye and Illinois Pottery Clubs. He and his wife, Viola, attend the annual conventions of them all except for the Illinois group. He admits to enjoying the social aspect of the Blue/White and Sleepy Eye Conventions more but says nothing compares to the excitement and frenzied pace of the large gatherings in Red Wing each July. Jack is an enthusiastic collector/dealer of many types of antiques. His knowledge runs the gamut from stoneware to yellowware to furniture.

- Stoneware Oddities — Carol Schaeffer (Cannon Falls, Minnesota) and Jewell Peterson (Red Wing, Minnesota)  
 Sessions 1 and 2 in Room 1-107 and 1-108



Carol Schaeffer  
Jewell Peterson

Jewell and Carol (Red Wing area collectors of early salt glaze, utilitarian pieces, animals and oddities) will highlight noon hour and production noon hour pieces. Questions and discussion will be welcome during the presentation.

- From Butterflies to Bob White — Con and Sandy Short (Beach, North Dakota)  
 Session 3 in Room 1-107 and 1-108

This seminar will show members the variety and wide range of Red Wing available to those who want to look for it. It is a general overview of things made at the Red Wing Potteries from the 1880's until the final closing in 1967. We will also show a few decorating ideas with Red Wing.

"We started married life 28 years ago with a set of Round Up dinnerware. Little did we know we would later be 'hooked' on Red Wing. Our interest in collecting Red Wing started when our son, David, then ten, found a broken 25 gallon crock. He and Con glued it together and were off on a delightful, but sometimes expensive, adventure.

Like most collectors we went through a phase when we wanted to own one of everything made in Red Wing. Now we concentrate on salt glaze and animals. As unusual Red Wing has become harder to find, we have started collecting North Dakota pottery. We especially like Rosemeade animals made in Wahpeton, University of North Dakota from Grand Forks and Dikota from Dickinson.

Collecting is a fascinating and sometimes expensive hobby, but one we're glad we got involved in. We've met the nicest people!"

# EDUCATION



John McMorris

# DAY 1988 — Friday, July 8

Pierron: Wisconsin Potter to Red Wing Jobber — Dennis and Nona Yaeggi (Elkhorn, Wisconsin)  
Session 1 in Room 4-109 and 4-116



Dennis & Nona Yaeggi

This seminar will discuss how Pierron and other companies had a problem in competing with each other in the making of stoneware. At the same time Red Wing had a problem of a different sort — that of keeping up with its growing demand. Thus, the connection between Red Wing and Pierron — an answer to each other's problems. Dennis and Nona have done extensive research on Pierron and will share their findings in this seminar.

Dennis and Nona collect Red Wing advertising (stoneware and paper items of stoneware companies) and salt glaze coolers, churns and jugs. "We began trying to collect all of it but ran out of money." Both are special education teachers (Nona — learning disabilities and Dennis — special education music).

Red Wing From A to Z — Larry Peterson (Minneapolis, Minnesota)  
Sessions 1 and 2 in Room 1-118 and 1-119



Larry Peterson

Larry will be discussing basic information involving the collecting of Red Wing. Included will be the history, how and why items were made, why Red Wing is so collectible today, and the importance of condition in the items collected. This will be a concise, basic primer on collecting Red Wing for everyone.

Larry is a charter member of the Society, has been involved in displays, has been the speaker, and has done many past seminars. He enjoys sharing his knowledge and experiences of collecting Red Wing. He is a co-author of the books *Red Wing Stoneware* and *Red Wing Collectibles*.

A Demonstration of Handpainting Red Wing Dinnerware — Bernyce Simone (Red Wing, Minnesota)  
Sessions 1 and 2 in Room 1-124

Bernyce worked at the Red Wing Pottery painting dinnerware for many years. She will not only demonstrate this art, but will also recount her many interesting experiences while working there. Come to see and hear, first hand, what this tradition which we cherish today was all about.

The Casting Process — The Making of the Cannon Valley Chapter's 1987 Commemorative — Curt and Karen Nyberg (Deer Park, Wisconsin)  
Sessions 2 and 3 in Room 4-109 and 4-116



Curt Nyberg

This video tape with accompanying lecture/question-answer period will cover the making of our stoneware pantry jar for Cannon Valley's commemorative including the great meltdown of March '88. For the last few years we have wanted to demonstrate the steps in our stoneware production and now this video tape enables us to show it to you.



Karen Nyberg

We were involved with stoneware from our very beginning. We toured Indian potteries in both New Mexico and South Dakota on our honeymoon. Soon thereafter we installed our first kiln in the corner of our bedroom. We moved ourselves out to a hide-a-bed as our stoneware supplies forced us out of that room. After our potters wheel replaced the dining room table, we decided to move to a bigger place! (You are welcome to visit our shop in Deer Park, Wisconsin.)

Stoneware Found in the Dump — Steve Showers (Welch, Minnesota)

Session 3 in Room 1-118 and 1-119

Steve will show a slide program with slides of complete (intact) pieces found. He will round out the program with some slides of the piles of shards in his yard and anything else of interest pertaining to digging. His dump digging experiences have enlightened and entertained many participants during past seminars.

"My interests are collecting advertising crocks, jugs and other unique pieces of stoneware that appeal to me — watercoolers and salt glaze crocks to mention a few (also old bottles). I got



Steve Showers

started collecting in 1968 when my sister found several pieces of stoneware on their farm. She asked me if they had any value and that got me started. I knew the Red Wing dump was untouched at that time. I still collect, do shows and flea markets and take in some auctions when I can.

Red Wing — River, People, Industry — Helen Bell (Red Wing, Minnesota)  
Session 3 in Room 1-124



Helen Bell

Helen, a longtime Red Wing resident, will present a "Sampler" of slides depicting the historic growth and charm of Red Wing, with haunting reference to the rich Indian heritage, dating back to about 11,000 B.C.; to the coming of the first missionary and white settlers; the influence of the river and the pioneer men and women who laid the foundation for the rapid growth of education industry, and social life of the community. The slides are on loan from the Goodhue County Museum and private citizens.

Helen, a charter member of RWCS, is editor of the program supplement; member of the Executive Board; and guest speaker at two Convention banquets. She has given numerous talks on the Red Wing Pottery and its work locally and in Iowa.

## General Information

### NOTICES

During all events in the RWTI Commons, please observe the 'NO SMOKING' and 'SMOKING PERMITTED' signs as posted by Minnesota law. No smoking is permitted in the classrooms.

No overnight camping will be allowed in the RWTI parking lot.

No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the RWTI or Arena.

No refunds will be made on tickets. However, a ticket exchange service will be available at the registration table during the convention.

CONCESSIONS on Thursday will be available in the arena lobby. Friday, Boy Scout Troop 32 will provide the concessions at the RWTI. Saturday, Arena Concessions will be available.

### REGISTRATION

If you pre-registered for any event, please pick up your envelope at the registration table. Please give your membership number to speed up the registration process. There will be three lines for registration: New Members; Members who have preordered tickets or sales tables; Members attending the convention who have not preordered any items. Please sign the registration sheet at the desk to be eligible for the RWCS "special commemorative" door prize. The drawing will take place at the banquet. Registration will be closed during the Friday morning general session.

### MUSEUM

The Goodhue County Historical Society Museum is open daily from 1:00-5:00 p.m. They have a clay industries room devoted to local clay products. The museum is located at 1166 Oak Street.

### COMMEMORATIVES

Commemoratives will be distributed at the time listed. Only prepaid commemoratives will be distributed on Thursday. Commemoratives will be distributed in the RWTI Commons on Thursday and Friday and the Arena on Saturday. Please make sure you are in the correct line to pick up your commemorative. New members and those not pre-ordered must pick up their commemoratives by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday so distribution of the extra commemoratives can begin at 11:00 in the RWTI Commons.

### AUCTION

Auction items may be checked in at designated times. See the activity schedule. Payment for auction items purchased must be made on Thursday night. Payment of auction items sold will be made by the Treasurer beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Arena on Saturday. Ten percent of the sale price will revert to the Society Treasury. Checks not picked up in the Arena on Saturday will be mailed 2-4 weeks after the convention.

### SALE OF EDUCATION MATERIALS

Sale of these materials will be in the RWTI from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. No materials may be sold during the general session on Friday morning from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Sellers are asked to have someone at their tables for the entire time.

### DISPLAYS

Please visit the displays in the RWTI room 2-130. All displays must be in place by 11:00 a.m. on Friday and may not be removed until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. All displays are numbered. Please use your "People's Choice" ballot to vote for your favorite display whether competitive or non-competitive. Exhibitors are to vote by 2:00 p.m. on Friday and members are to place their ballots in the ballot box located in the display room by noon on Saturday.

### SHOW AND SALE

The Show and Sale will be held in the Ice Arena adjacent to the RWTI. Sellers will be permitted to carry in their merchandise from the north door of the arena on Friday at 12:00-1:00, 4:30-5:30 p.m. or Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Stickers will be issued at the registration desk on a first come, first to receive basis, to those wishing to move their items into the Arena at 12:00-1:00 or 4:30-5:30 time periods on Friday. Others may move in at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Do not park in front of the arena door and return your car to the parking lot when unloaded. The additional carry-in-time was added to help alleviate congestion. No unpacking or selling may be done at these times. Unpacking and set up will begin at 8:00 on Saturday. Dealers must have a Seller's Badge to enter the building on Friday or at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. No others will be admitted. No packing will be permitted until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Every effort will be made to safeguard the property of the participants of the Show and Sale. However, the RWCS and its officers will not assume any responsibility for any lost, stolen or broken articles. To aid security, nothing may be carried out of the Arena on Friday. When moving items into the arena do not look at items in boxes and under cover at other sales tables. Failure to abide by the rules of the Show and Sale contract means forfeiting the right to do the Show and Sale the following year. The lobby entrance to the Arena (for buyers) will be locked until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Please wear your membership card or you will be denied entrance. The Show and Sale will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11:00 until 2:00 p.m. Packing should be completed by 4:00 o'clock.

### BANQUET

The banquet will be held on the fifth floor of the St. James Hotel. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The drawing for several "special" commemorative door prizes will take place. Gary Teft will speak on the history of the city of Red Wing.

## Confessions of a 15 year old

by Tammie Bougie

It all started when I was nine years old. My mom and dad took me to Milwaukee for a weekend. We stopped at Brookdale Mall, what a mess!! The mall was full of old junk people were trying to sell. My mother stopped and talked to a woman who was selling some old crocks. Soon my dad was talking to the woman and her husband. (I later found that this was Rev. and Mrs. Viel.)

Since that time my childhood has been a nightmare of flea markets, antique shows and auctions. I bet I was the only ten year old that knew by sight and could name 90 percent of Red Wing's dinnerware.

Quickly I learned names like Apache Mall, Braemer Arena, Har Mar-Maplewood, etc. Soon I met people like the Newkirks (who I thought were blood kin, we saw them so often.) This was not all bad, because Emilie came along whom I really had a lot of fun with.



Red Wing Daily Republican  
January 22, 1890

"The Potter's second annual charity ball on Friday evening deserves patronage for its object if for nothing else, but those who attend will undoubtedly enjoy an excellent time. Music by Hawkins' string band."



Courtesy Goodhue County Historical Society Museum

Employees of Factory "A" Red Wing Sewer Pipe. Front row: Erick Lovgren, Ivan Johnson, Herbert Ellingson, Kenneth Collinge, Phillip Ferber, Clair Vance. Back row: Christ Hinck, Victor Moline, Charles Benson.



Courtesy of Gloria Sloper Tebbe

### How many can you name?

Women workers in the handpainting department. This picture was taken in the "pre-conveyor belt" era. Sixteen pieces of ware were placed on boards, (seen in foreground), each worker would take a piece, paint one color on it, replace it on board, and the next girl would repeat the procedure. When the completed pieces were returned to the board, they were carried to racks on the wall. Gloria Tebbe said two girls would carry the narrowboard of ware and it was a "tricky business." "No fair making us laugh!" Louis "Scotty" Scott is the lone man in the group. His job was to keep the workers supplied with the ware.



Tammie Bougie

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# A gift for the First Lady

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The case was made at A.W. Pratt's bookstore by G.D. Ashelman, covered with gold silk plush and lined with plush and richest blue silk. The trimming was made of solid silver by



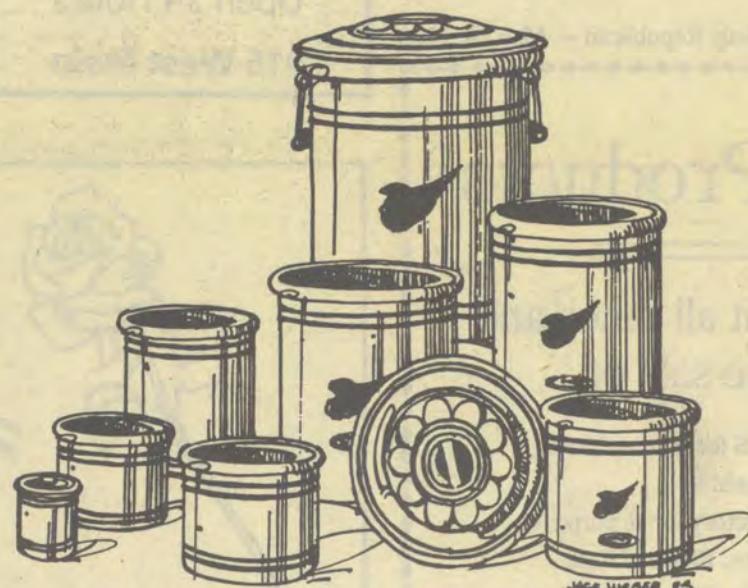
Courtesy Goodhue County Historical Society Museum

Hauenstein Brothers. It was a handsome tribute to the first lady of the land." (Editor's comment: It is unfortunate that the Potter's name was not mentioned.)



## Opera star and Red Wing Stoneware

Chrystine Gunbugson of Montevideo, Minn., famous in Italian opera as Leonita Lanzoni, came home the other day to visit her sister, Mrs. T. F. Schilling, of Minneapolis. She is shown here, making the first waffles she had tasted since she went to Italy (and using Red Wing Stoneware.) — picture courtesy of Rosa and Carl Larson



### The Red Wing Line

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# Pottery Pickings

Louis McGraw, a moulder of ware in the Minnesota shop, returned Thursday from a two week's visit in Louisville, Neb.

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Success has not attended the efforts of the duck hunters from the potteries for the past week. A few rabbits' feet would probably find ready sale at advanced prices in that locality.

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The Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company have recently been experimenting with various means of utilizing waste heat from the kilns. With this end in view, they recently constructed an underground air-duct from kiln No. 1 to a central point under the main building, from whence, by means of several branches, the heat was distributed to the work-room through registers. The plan has been so successful that a second air-duct is now being constructed from kiln No. 2, which will connect with the duct from No. 1, so that when one kiln is cooled to remove the ware, the second kiln will supply, so far as capable, the necessary heat. With the successful operation of these ducts others will be constructed from time to time from the remaining kilns in order that the supply will not be interrupted with the cooling of kilns to remove the ware.

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One of the workers of the Minnesota shop recently had the chief of police on his trail, with the serious charge of horse stealing credited up to him. He had found, as he supposed, the horse and buggy of a co-worker standing on Bush street, and having an errand which required haste, he unhitched the horse, stepped lightly into the buggy and drove away, smiling at his good fortune — just as he had done many times before. He had been gone but a few minutes, however, when the owner, a Wisconsin farmer, returned, missed his rig, and then hunted up a policeman to whom he excitedly related his troubles. Then began a hunt. Up

one street and down another, then through alleys in search of a clew; but the clew refused to be found — not even "by wire" could it be traced. Upon their return to Bush street half an hour later, they found the rig, just where the farmer had last left it, the horse lazily sleeping at his post. The farmer breathed a sigh of relief, while a frown of disappointment mantled the face of the sleuth at thus being thwarted in the running down of a mysterious case. It is

related that the borrower of the rig perspired freely when told of his narrow escape from the minions of the law, and vows that he will never, in consideration of the trading propensities of his co-worker, again use a horse belonging to him unless he has an affidavit of ownership not exceeding twenty-four hours of age.

(Editor's note: This article is an exact reprint from the ARGUS 1897 — misspelling and all.)

THE ADVANCE: December 10, 1884

#### Minnesota Stoneware Company

T.B. Sheldon, president  
E.T. Mallory, secretary and superintendent  
Employees 53

Manufacture 30,000 gal. of ware  
Wages per week, \$6.25

Improvements this year, \$3,000  
Started in business, October 1, 1883

Up to July were continually behind orders, but with the aid of new down draft kiln will be able to fill all orders in the future.

#### Red Wing Stoneware

J.H. Rich, president  
Employees, 75  
Weekly output, 35,000 ga. of stoneware 7,000 flower pots  
Weekly payroll, \$1,300  
Full capacity of shops, 2,500,000 gal. per year  
Size of shops, 150x54, 2 stories  
Improvements this year, \$50,000



## New to Red Wing

The Goodhue County Veterans Memorial "in honor of all veterans and dedicated to those who died in service to their country." This beautiful memorial is located at the North end of John H. Rich Park, Main Street between East and West Avenues. It was dedicated May 21, 1988 with the sentiments that "God willing it will never be necessary to add another name to the Goodhue County Veterans Memorial."

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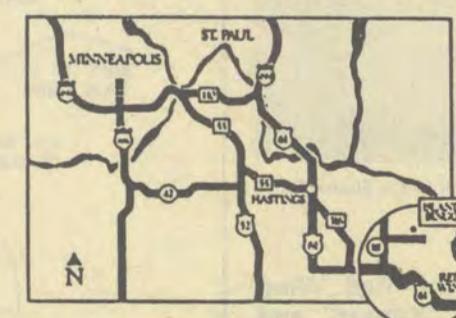
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