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How Lovely 'Tis To Take This Time

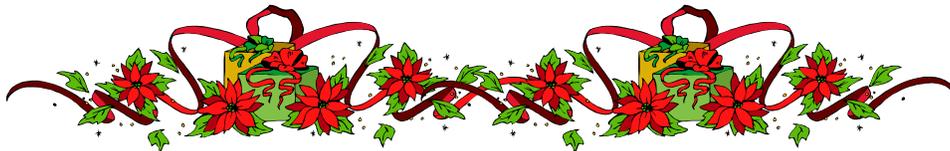
*How lovely 'tis to take this time
To greet our dearest friends,
To wish them health and happiness
Before the old year ends.*

*Darkness comes late afternoon
And winter lies ahead,
But friendship is a glowing fire
When all seems cold and dead.*

*Just as in some vacant barn,
Unnoticed in the night,
The whole of human history turns,
So we, too, make things right.*

*We must keep alive the flame
Though darkness grip the Earth;
For in the love we find in friends
Is our chance for rebirth.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc is on the doorstep to many interesting and challenging opportunities. Our website is bringing the Pioneers into the 21st century. I had a chance to view it and found that there have been many "hits", which is getting the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.'s name out to the general public. There is a lot of history and information about the MTP. I would encourage everyone to take a look at it. The website is www.mnterritorialpioneers.org. Anne Sladky is doing an excellent job of keeping it updated. Thank you Anne!

We received a grant for a traveling exhibit from the Sesquicentennial Commission. The MTP Sesquicentennial Committee is putting the traveling exhibit together, which will include the history of the MTP, history of the Minnesota Territory and Minnesota Statehood. It is the 150th Anniversary of "The North Star State". Part of the traveling exhibit will be on display at the MTP Annual Holiday Party in December.

Back in January 2007, the MTP Secretary received a call from the Law Offices of Malcom Sowell in California regarding the estate of Charles Eugene Humburger. His call was to verify that were the organization with the "History Museum" on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Mary Casebolt informed them that we have been on the fairgrounds for over a 100 years. Mr. Sowell informed her that Mr. Humburger's wife was the daughter of Thomas J. Canfield, former superintendent of the Minnesota Agriculture Society (The AG Society ran the Fairgrounds until the 1960's). She had fond memories of visiting of visiting the Historical Museum during the Fair as a child and loved seeing the building and its contents. We were told that Mr. Humburger had passed away and that the MTP had been listed in his will as a recipient of a percentage of his estate. He wished that the monies be used for the Log Cabin and the specifically the artifacts, in memory of Mr. Canfield. A letter arrived July 25th, 2007, stating that the estate had been settled and a check was enclosed. The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. received \$65,050.37 from the estate. The monies have been put into a CD called the "Thomas J. Canfield" endowment. We will also look for a portrait of Thomas Canfield and prepare a special dedication at the Log Cabin. We are all very excited about this. We will cautiously make sure that the legacy is administered in accordance with our By-Laws, Special Rules of Order and the tenets of Mr. Humburger's will.

See you at the "Holiday Party" in December!

Richard MacNabb, PRESIDENT

Secretary's Report

I want to thank all the members who have been sending in their 2007 dues. But there still is a few of you out there who have not yet paid. If you have an (A) and an asterisk after your last name, you owe 2007 dues. If you only have an (A) you are current in your dues.

As we get ready to celebrate the Minnesota Sesquicentennial, there are activities that we are hoping to be involved with. If anyone would like to be involved with the MTP and the Sesquicentennial, please contact the office. Mark Green & Seraphine Byrne are co-chairing the committee.

We have been updating the addresses along with the member names. Remember, if you move, change names or anything else that might affect your receiving the newsletter, please let us know, either by phone, email or mail. We really want to make sure that everyone gets the newsletter. I am trying to compile a list of "lost" members, hopefully will have that ready for the January newsletter.

One of the most asked comments/questions that I got at the fair this year was "You mean my family can be members?" Any direct descendant of a MN Territorial settler is eligible to become a member. Your spouse is eligible through you. That is one way that we continue to grow is for families to continue the tradition of being a MTP member. Christmas is coming up and what a great present, a membership in the MTP! Last year Elaine (former board member) stated that there were more than 1 million people eligible for membership throughout the world. That many members would certainly keep me busy! What a way to honor your ancestors.

I am in the process of updating the MTP brochure, if anyone has artistic abilities, any help would be appreciated. It needs to be done in MS Publisher so that changes can easily be done. We try to update it at least once every 2 years. The last update was done in 2005 and it desperately needs to be redone. I can send the volunteer the information that needs to be in it. Thanks.

We are changing our internet access provider, our free subscription that came with the new computer has expired. We have decided to go with US Family net. This will not affect our website or email address. The offers to donate a year of service have not come through so I am asking our members if they would be willing to help us. The cost of US Family is \$8.99 per month. If donations are received for the cost, they are tax deductible and you will receive a donation slip for your records. Thank you for your help.

As winter approaches, I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and a safe and happy Holiday season. The Holiday Party this year is on December 8, 2007, at Cherokee Sirlain Room in West St. Paul. Please come and join us!

Mary Casebolt, Secretary

It was a great time!

It started out slow and stayed that way. This certainly was not a blockbuster year but the fair volunteers were our bright shining stars. I want to thank the people who took the time to help: **Richard Bartz, Frank Braun, Wayne Burlingame, Seraphine Byrne, Alex Casebolt, Emilie Casebolt, Roberta Everling, Mark green, Beth Guenther, Catherine Harrison, Kay Harsila, Amy Jensen, Karla Komec, Joe Lepsche, Joyce Lindgren, Norma Mackey, Richard MacNabb, Glenda Meixell, Larry Nimmerfroh, Laurie & Edward Pekarik, Tom Phillips, Richard Sandeen, David Swanson, Mary Vavrosky, and Gordon Whitaker.**

Special thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone who generously donated items for us to sell, their time, materials and skills are deeply appreciated. **Leona Benson** (aprons & bonnets) these items remain very popular and once again all the bonnets sold out! **Laurie Pekarik** (handmade lady slipper flowers and pens), the pens were new this year and also sold out! **Seraphine Byrne** who made dishcloths, placemats, scarves and hot pads, **Sue Burrows** (knit washcloths) we sold the remaining ones from last year and I promise I will remember to pick up the ones you have been working on this past year. **Marlene Mechelke** (tattling). Each of these above people worked very hard over the course of last year and we do value your work and dedication to the Pioneers. **Joyce Lindgren** donated pop/water for the workers. **David Swanson & Norma Mackey** donated the cost of their tickets. **Katie Mytty & Norma Mackey** donated money towards postage stamps.

New! We introduced several new items this year, a small wooden dory with our name on the side, a plush moose in a canoe and 3-D refrigerator magnets. We have been trying to have more items that appeal to children. For the first year of having these, sales were not too bad. We have to decide whether we will carry them next year. Overall, sales were down. Even the food vendors did not do as well as usual. Next year, we are going to have the very first book that the MTP ever published, reprinted and ready for sale. If anyone has any ideas, we are willing and eager to listen. There are a lot of factors to consider as we look at different items, so please let us know if you have any suggestions.

We also want to thank everyone who helped clean, arrange, get down on their knees, do the laundry, set up and sharing of good times. **Amy Jensen, Gene Ewer, Bill Casebolt, Seraphine Byrne, Mary Vavrosky, Alex Casebolt, Laurie Pekarik and Richard MacNabb.** **Seraphine** purchased new curtains for the log cabin and **Emilie Casebolt** organized the post cards and sales area.

Our demonstrators were terrific: **Gene Ewer** returned this year to loud acclaim, his paper animal cutouts are always a hit. **Laurie Pekarik** demonstrated shuttle & needle tattling & hairpin lace. **Peggy Lindbloom**, spinning; **Ted Lau**, cornhusk dolls; **Marlene Mechelke**, shuttle tattling and **Seraphine Byrne**, hand loom knitting. Timber Junction returned and wowed the crowds. It is wonderful when our demonstrators ask to return again and again.

If you have a special talent you would like to share, please call and let us know. As we look forward to celebrating the Sesquicentennial at the 2008 State Fair, we would like to show the visitors from around the world the many skills that have survived through the centuries and in the "new world." A good storyteller is always appreciated. I hope that we did not miss anyone; thank you to everyone for all your help. See you next year and mark your calendars! August 21 through September 1, 2008

Mary & Bill Casebolt

Curator's Corner

Another Great Minnesota Get together has come to an end. I really had a good time meeting all of the Fair-Goers and their families. Those that visited the cabin had good things to say about the exhibit. It was a lot of work putting up the display at the cabin and also at Heritage Square (at first, did not know if there would be a display at Heritage because of the storm damage to the building, but the display did go in at the last minute). Heritage Square has been packed away for another year, and the antiques and artifacts at the cabin have also been packed. Hopefully, we will have the cabin and exhibit open for the Sesquicentennial next spring. But more to come in the future.

During the first week of August, Seraphine Byrne, Mary and Bill Casebolt and I met with Steve Weddell of "Chamberlain Hill Carriage Works" to get an estimate on the restoration and repair of the "Studebaker" surrey buggy. At this point in time, there hasn't been a decision to this restoration project. Thanks to Steve Weddell for taking the time to look at the buggy.

Donations, Donations, Donations. *They are coming in again! Maybe with past articles in the newsletter and letting visitors to the cabin (on the Fairgrounds) know that we want to preserve the heritage of Minnesota through artifacts, collectables, and written material this is being accomplished. Ruth MacNabb again donated items to the exhibit - School Desk with bench (circa 1900); hand made school clock (made by Elmer MacNabb - replica of an 1880's clock); Potter Bread-bowl (glazed, circa 1860); Leather shaving strap; Small scale - hanging; wood potato masher (late 1800's); wooden rolling pin; metal candle mold (4) (late 1800's); flour sifter; and larger rotary flour sifter (1800's). Bill Tierngy has donated an article "The Story of Fr. George Keller" dated 2007. Frances Charnock of Brooklyn Park has donated 2 wooden spoons and 2 wooden bobbins (spinning accessories); a folding button hock (shoe style from S. Donaldson and Company; shoes made by Roger A Simonson of Chicago); adult white nightgown; child's bonnet and a child's dress. Gloria Chada of St Paul donates a "Watkins Laxative" bottle (circa 1900). Mary Casebolt of St Paul (one of our favorite donors) a US Glass Mug (Minnesota Pattern) and a US Glass 3 handled toothpick and salt caddy, also Minnesota pattern. Richard Bartz (another favorite donor) has donated a "Fiddlesticks" Game with 18 sticks (Plaza Manufacturing Co. of New York, NY). I would like to thank all who have donated to the collection. These items will be a great asset to the collection. Thanks Again! Remember, to search for those collectables that can be added to the collection. At the present time I am also looking for boy s and men's clothing to add to the collection. There is a shortage of these items and would be a great asset to the collection. Any written history of our Pioneers, or history of Minnesota would also be appreciated.*

As you can see, it has been a busy couple months. Now we are looking forward to the "Holiday Party." I will see you at that time.

Richard MacNabb, Curator

DONATIONS

THANK YOU to all those who opened their hearts and gave generously to the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers. Whether it was a money donation or items for the collections, a mere thank you can never express our gratitude or appreciation of your gifts.

DONATIONS FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2007

Anonymous	\$2.00 State Fair
James Eckert	\$73.28 for the copier
William Casebolt	\$80.00 State Fair Tickets
Cynthia Hudspitch	\$25.00 for printer
Norma Mackey	\$20.00 State Fair Tickets Book of 20 Stamps
Katie Mytty	\$15.00 State Fair Stamps
Martha Olson	\$100.00 Log Cabin

GET WELL WISHES

We sent to Ruth McNabb and Iylene Neshiem we send out heartfelt wishes of renewed health and renewed strength!

IN MEMORIAM

Our heart to families to of Howard Jennings and William McLaughlin on the loss of their loved ones. We can never express Mr. Jennings and Mr. McLaughlin were both valuable members of the MTP organizations. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and loved ones!

WISHLIST

__ *Buggy Fund*

__ *Printer Fund*

__ *Scholarship Fund*

Donations are always needed to help keep the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers running.

Mary Casebolt and I have been researching copiers versus printers for the office. Upon further review we feel that a new printer would be a better investment for MTP. For those who have already donated for the purchase of the copier, please let the office know if it is alright to use the funds for the purchase of the printer.

This year we were hoping to restore the MTP buggy in order to use it during Minnesota's Sesquicentennial next year. Due to the length of time it would take to restore the buggy it will not happen in time for the Sesquicentennial celebration. We still would like to refurbish the buggy as it is part of the MTP heritage.

The Scholarship Fund goes to a deserving student each year who is either taking a Minnesota History class or a US history class in college. Please help in what ever area you can!

*Thank you,
Norma Mackey
Newsletter Editor and Assistant Secretary*

PLEASE JOIN
MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS
at the

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, DECEMBER 8, 2007

Cherokee Sirloin Room

886 S. SMITH AVE

WEST ST. PAUL, MN

Social Hour: 11:00 AM

Welcome Remarks

Lunch 12:00 Noon

Gift Exchange and Door Prizes to follow.

(We will be collecting Food Shelf donations)

MENU: Sirloin 10 oz

Broiled Walleye

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Barbecued Ribs

Each entree includes salad, baked potato, beverage and dessert. Chicken is served with rice instead of the baked potato.

Childrens menu and vegetarian available upon request.

Price is: \$20.00 (Non-Refundable)

Please detach and mail back to the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Office.

Payable to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers

**Mail to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.
176 Snelling Ave. No., Suite 328
St. Paul, MN 55104**

**Questions: Call Catherine Harrison 1-320-629-2231
MTP Office: 651-379-1849**

RESERVATIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 28, 2007

Name: _____ *Selection:* _____

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Name: _____ *Selection:* _____

DIRECTIONS TO CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM

FROM ST. PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS

SOUTH on I-35E S.

Take SIBLEY HWY/MN-13 exit- EXIT 102

turn LEFT onto SIBLEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY/MN-13/CR-45. Continue to follow SIBLEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY / MN-13

Turn RIGHT onto ANNAPOLIS ST W / MN-13

Turn RIGHT onto SMITH AVE S/ MN 149

886 SMITH AVE S



FROM BLOOMINGTON

I-494 E

I-35E N via EXIT 70 toward ST. PAUL

SIBLEY HWY / MN-13 exit EXIT 102

Turn RIGHT onto SIBLEY MEMORIAL HWY / MN-13 / CR-45. Continue to follow SIBLEY MEMORIAL HWY / MN-13

Turn RIGHT onto ANNAPOLIS ST W/ MN-13

Turn RIGHT onto SMITH AVE S/ MN-149

886 Smith Ave S

EASTERN SUBURBS

I-494 W

Merge onto MN-110W via EXIT 67 toward ROBERT ST

Turn RIGHT onto DELAWARE AVE/ CR-63

Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto DODD RD/ MN-149

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto SMITH AVE S/ MN-149

886 Smith Ave s



Coupon Books for Sale! \$5.00 each

On **Saturday, November 10, 2007**, Herberger's will again hold their Fall Community Event Sale. The Pioneers have been selling their coupon books as a fundraiser for over 5 years. This is one easy way for **YOU** to support the MTP. The MTP gets to keep the \$5.00 we collect from each coupon book sale. These monies go towards the General Operating costs. This includes the office, phone, electric, postage and printer ink and other supplies that we use.

This year's coupon book **INCLUDES A \$10.00 COUPON** towards a purchase of \$10.00 or more in the store on that day. So... If you buy a \$10.95 item, you pay only 95 cents for it!!! Sounds like a deal to me. Last year, I purchased a gift for Christmas which retailed at \$12.95 for only \$2.95! It was a savings for me but also allowed me to spend a little bit more for a nice gift and kept me within my budget. **PLUS** There is **8-20%** off coupons in the book.

ALSO...The \$5.00 that you spend on the coupon book is a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION** for you. This is only a win-win situation.

The coupons are good at the following stores:

HERBERGER'S

YOUNKER'S

BON-TON's

BOSTON STORES

CARSON PIRIE SCOTT

BERGNER'S

ELDER-BEERMAN

Hergerger's Community Day Event
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Minnesota Territorial Pioneers

FY 2007-2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

2007

Director Meeting and Elections

May 19, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

June 16, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

July 21, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

August 18, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

September 15, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

October 20, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

November 17, 2007

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Christmas Party

December 8, 2007

Cherokee Sirloin Room, West St Paul

Associated – Liberty Office

2008

Regular Director Meeting

January 19, 2008

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

February 16, 2008

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

March 15, 2008

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Regular Director Meeting

April 19, 2008

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Annual Membership Meeting

Date, Time and Location TBD

Annual Director Meeting
& Elections

May 17, 2008

10:00 am

Associated – Liberty Office

Meetings are held at the Associated Bank Building, Room 103, on the main floor. This room is off the main hallway of the Atrium, do NOT enter the inside bank. 176 N. Snelling Ave., St Paul, MN 55104

Wagon Trails #3

By Mark Green/ Historian

Here is a poem by one of our illustrious members who passed away some fifteen years ago and will not be forgotten for her contribution to Minnesota society. As Kathleen Irene Tibbetts said, "writing is an attempt to help others find encouragement and beauty in the world."

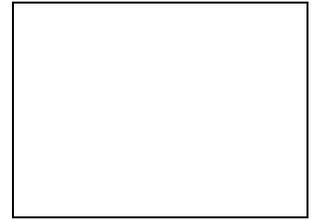
River In My Home Town

by

Kathleen Irene Tibbetts

A picturesque river in my home town
Abounds in history
It starts its journey from Lake Itasca
Flows southward toward the sea.
It is called the Mighty Mississippi
And myriad tales recall
How Indians and the white men rallied
By our river's waterfall
Father Hennepin brought peace and love
Three Hundred years ago
Blessing land and water and the people
Near the tumbling water flow
Then came early days of transportation
As river trade found promise here
Pioneers looking for land and freedom
Came by boat from far and near
To the Gulf of Mexico in splendor
Our river meets the Bay
Two thousand, four hundred, seventy miles
Of beauty all the way.

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*Have you paid
your 2007 annual
dues?*

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007
10:30 - 2:00 PM
CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM
WEST ST PAUL

