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Help Put Us "Over the Top" for our Windows Project

In 2010 we will complete the window restoration and repair project to finish weatherproofing the historic 1903 former Carnegie Library. This is a major project, not only because there are so many windows (55) of many shapes and sizes but also because of the deteriorated condition of frames and glass.

We are using excellent quality materials and workmanship in our attempt to do the job "right" and to assure its long life. Thermal panes will reduce UV rays and temperature variations, aluminum clad wood frames will assure long durability, and storm windows will provide additional protection.

The estimated cost of the project is \$71,172. With our present "Cash on Hand" and grant awards to help meet the cost, at completion of the project, we will use up our funds. So, to you, our loyal supporters, we ask for any dollars you can spare to make sure that we can continue to pay the bills to operate the Carnegie Resource Center which is becoming a very useful research and visitor site in Mitchell.

MAHS has received these grants for the windows project:

- The DAR Mary Chilton Foundation (in Sioux Falls): \$10,000
- Outside Historic Deadwood (in Deadwood): \$7,500
- Deadwood Fund of the South Dakota State Historical Society (in Pierre): \$5,000

The original cost estimate was \$56,500. With the addition of storm windows, the project cost is \$71,572. Work must be completed in 2010. Resulting energy savings and UV protection over many years will be a significant aid to reduce CRC operating expenses.

We are grateful for the generous donations that we have so far received. However, we welcome further gifts in view of the \$15,000 added to the original project cost.

Kathryn Crockett

READER'S NOTE— To conserve space and ink, throughout this newsletter these abbreviations are used:

CRC— Carnegie Resource Center

MAGS— Mitchell Area Genealogical Society

MAHS— Mitchell Area Historical Society

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Lyle's Corner

I assume it's just old age, but my how time flies when you're having fun, and we are having fun for sure! As of May 16, we started our fifth year in the Carnegie. It seems we get busier every day. The donations continue coming in. We are so happy that you are entrusting us to take care of your keepsakes from the past. Our staff of volunteers continues not only to keep track of our area's history and genealogy, but also to work to bring the Carnegie back to her original beauty. The CRC's existence is made possible by your donations and grants from several sources. The CRC receives NO tax dollars. We volunteers are proud that we have come so far in a relatively short period of time.

If you have not been in lately, stop by to see the three beautifully restored doors in the lower level, the brightly painted furnace room with its donated cabinets, the new LED lighting in the Corn Palace Room, and the ever-changing displays throughout the main floor. The yard and beautiful flowers enhance the building. Again my thanks to the committed and wonderful volunteers.

This might be a good place to thank the Mitchell media for helping us to tell our story. *The Daily Republic* keeps the public informed of our coming events and has published the "Back in Time" series each week for the past several years. KORN radio has allowed us to tell our story on their Wednesday morning programs, and KMIT radio publicizes our latest programs. Thanks also to the Chamber and George Bittner for their help.

Thank you to those organizations that have recently awarded the CRC several large grants. Without these, we would not be in business. The most recent of these are as follows: Outside Historic Deadwood Funds, \$7,500; SD State Historical Society Deadwood Fund, \$5,000; DAR Mary Chilton Foundation, \$10,000, and the Mitchell Area Charitable Foundation, \$1,800. Most of these are matching fund grants, so without your donations, we could not get the grants. **Thank you!**

We are about to start repairing and/or replacing the windows throughout the building. Please be patient during the construction period. We don't think it will be hard to work around the mess. When the latest technology in glass, weather-stripping, and paint have been utilized, we hope to have a much tighter and even more beautiful building. One of our remaining challenges is to make the building handicap accessible by installing an elevator.

Because the Mitchell Area Genealogy Society is involved with us in this great venture, we have been able to do so much more research. If you have questions as to your family history, please let us try to assist you. We have built our files with detailed information.

If you missed our April program, the Reverend Boyd Blumer demonstrated his antique waffle iron collection by feeding us waffles baked on his 125-year-old waffle iron. He shared interesting facts and provided great-tasting waffles topped with strawberries and whipped cream! Thanks, Boyd. We hope to take several tours this summer to various sites throughout the county to learn more about our history. See the back page of this newsletter for the schedule.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Carnegie!

Lyle Swenson, MAHS President

Mitchell Comrades of '79

In early December 1879, Mitchell was still about 45 miles from the nearest railroad. When the first of many blizzards arrived, scarcely 50 pounds of coal could be found in the village. So for the purpose of conserving the fuel supply and in order that the long winter hours might pass more pleasantly, the Hot Stove League was formed. Daily gatherings were held around the old stove in the village drug store.

Around that stove, "The Mitchell Comrades of '79" first took form. The "Comrades," 16 young bachelors, all Mitchell businessmen, formed the society for the continuance of friendship amid the "blizzards" and hardships of the winter of 1879-1880.

To this end, a committee drew up a constitution, which—in addition to the group's name and object—stated in Article 4: "Each year, upon the appearance of the first 'blizzard,' this society shall hold its annual reunion and banquet." Other meetings could be called whenever the president or secretary deemed it advisable.

The society members were W.E. Crane, physician; George A. Johnston and A. J. Waterhouse, attorneys; T.J. Ball, mail carrier; A. A. Hammer and F. M. Hammer, druggists; Ira Woodin, J. W. Beattie, J. I. Merriam, H. G. Smith, and H. L. LaDue, occupations unknown; J. O. Walrath and T. J. Morrow, businessmen; J. K. Smith, Register of Deeds; and J. F. Kimball, banker.

The first reunion and banquet was held on Friday, October 15, 1880. It was "unquestionably the grandest affair of its kind ever given in Mitchell." The Comrades prepared everything, including the food and the decorations. The event began at 9:00 P. M. A. J. Waterhouse delivered an address, which was followed by card playing and dancing. At midnight, dinner was served.

A newspaper article in the *Mitchell Capital* referred to Mr. Waterhouse as an "Orator Deluxe." The following excerpts from his speech reveal that he was well labeled. "Ladies and Gentlemen and Comrades All: I know of a deserted village: not like the one which stood on the banks of the Jim; down where the river, winding its way from the north, reaches a somewhat wider stretch of valley than it has traversed before; down beneath the valley bluffs, where the wind is tempered to the shorn lamb, where oak trees blessed the prairie's tired sight; where the plum tree renders its luscious fruit in due season; where the wild grape clammers and twines and grows wilder day by day; where Nature, growing tired, seeks to break the prairie's dead monotony—and succeeds—was once the village of Firesteel."

He goes on: "In October 1879, the first building was placed upon the town-site of Mitchell. It was removed from Firesteel by J. W. Walsh, and the proceeding was looked upon with considerable distrust by many of the remaining Firesteelites—for the railroad was not yet with us. Soon, however, another building followed in its wake, and then another and another, until the prairie between here and Firesteel was dotted with moving buildings, and the air was blue with profanity of gentle drivers. Rapid removals were those, my friends. In the morning some building stood in Firesteel. Two hours later it had 'folded its tent like the Arabs, and silently stolen away.' And then, as the deserted village grew silent and lonely, as its competitor on the hill grew more and more lively, the Comrades 'passed on with the tide' and Mitchell was our home."

The last meeting of the "Comrades" was held on Thursday, November 18, 1915, with nine of the 16 members still living in attendance.

Don Boyden, DDS



Front row:
Al Hammer
J. W. Beattie
Frank Hammer
John O. Walrath

Back row:
Thomas J. Ball
George A. Johnson
Joseph T. Morrow
J. K. Smith

There's a feeling within us
that loves to revert.
To the merry old times that
are gone.

December 30, 1913

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VISIT THE CRC – LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR RESEARCH

On May 16, 2006, the City of Mitchell for one dollar deeded the former Carnegie Library, now the Carnegie Resource Center, to the Mitchell Area Historical Society. With the Mitchell Area Genealogical Society volunteers, we have worked very hard and spent over \$100,000 to save this historic building. Why have we put in thousands of volunteer hours in this effort? Because we needed to provide secure archival storage space to make readily available our innumerable documents for genealogical and historical research.

This is a sampling of the kinds of documents we have.

- Polk City Directories of Mitchell that show homes and businesses
- photos and data base of over 15,000 tombstones of cemeteries in Davison County.
- clippings from The Daily Republic and its predecessors
- original copies of The Daily Republic and its predecessors
- collection of memorabilia and photos of the Corn Palace and its performers
- tools and tool box of Andrew J. Kings, contractor who built the first (1892) Corn Palace and the Carnegie Library (1903)
- South Dakota Magazine collection
- collection of early maps of this area showing, for example, homestead ownership by section
- annuals of Mitchell Senior High School and Notre Dame Academy
- Dakota Wesleyan University annuals
- books about South Dakota history.

The above items are but a few of the many resources we have to help you search. Genealogy volunteers know how to use computer programs to supply you with useful books, articles, and photos pertaining to your request. The volunteers staff the Carnegie Resource Center from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Other times can be arranged. We look forward to helping you.

LED Lighting Project

The Mitchell Area Charitable Foundation generously granted the MAHS grant request of \$1,800 to replace the existing incandescent lighting by LED lights in the Clyde and Mary Goin Corn Palace Collection gallery and in the dome area of the CRC.

Mel Pooley, volunteer in charge of maintenance of the CRC, obtained and installed the new LED lights. The long life and very low operating expense of the LED lights will help lower energy bills. Also, the LED lights emit no harmful UV rays to damage exhibits.

Kathryn Crockett

Genealogy News

The genealogy season is off to a good start here at the CRC. People on vacation have started to come in to do research on their families. Word is getting out about the availability of research materials at the CRC, something which makes us proud. Since the MAHS acquired the building in May of 2006, they have been working with the MAGS to make the CRC an important destination for historical and genealogical research for the Mitchell area. Volunteers work with visitors to find information in our collection and also to suggest other places in town to find what they're looking for.

Since the production of TV shows like "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Faces of America," genealogy has become more popular with the American public, increasing an already widespread interest. Many resources are available on the internet, but local records such as we have here at the CRC are invaluable in family research and are not online. Many times we can help by providing the more personal information about the family member, not just the statistics. Our resources and files contain a wide range of people and businesses from the Mitchell area.

MAGS meets every fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the CRC, with programs each month on topics pertaining to genealogy. At the January meeting, Andie Sindt did a computer demonstration on how to research online using Ancestry.com. In February, Pam Range reported on "Genealogical Resources Available at the CRC." Jon Airhart provided information on "Protecting Heirlooms" at the March meeting. A very timely program, "Census—Everybody Counts," was given by Miriam Hegwood in April. In May, Anna-Marie Bosma helped those wishing to join the DAR by showing them "How to Prove Your Lineage."

After starting the project last summer, MAGS is planning to finish taking pictures of the tombstones in cemeteries in Davison County. The pictures will then be downloaded on the computer and labeled for easier access. The project has been time consuming, but will be worth it in the end. In addition, we are digitizing the cemetery cards that MAGS created when they did the cemetery survey back in the early 1980s. The survey was based on records from cemeteries, funeral homes, and court houses. These cards contain a wealth of information for researchers.

MAGS is planning more workshops for the fall, so watch for more information to follow in the next few months. Volunteers are available at the CRC to help answer genealogy questions. Stop in or call 605.996.3209.

Pam Range, MAGS President

CRC Grounds Look Better Thanks to:

James Schneider, retired manager of UBC, has begun his second season of mowing the CRC lawn; Steve Kracht, Exercise Works, mowed for the prior two years; John Bush, owner of James Valley Nursery, has sprayed weeds and has given us rose bushes.

Our apologies for omitting James River Gallery (300-304) and Amber Dawn Portrait Plus Design (306) on North Main in the centerfold picture from the December 2009 edition of *The Carnegie Courier*.

MITCHELL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Mitchell Telephone Company, started by Fred B. Elce in 1898, provided the first service in Mitchell. It had 75 customers. Mrs. Walter Mayo, Elce's sister, was the first telephone operator.

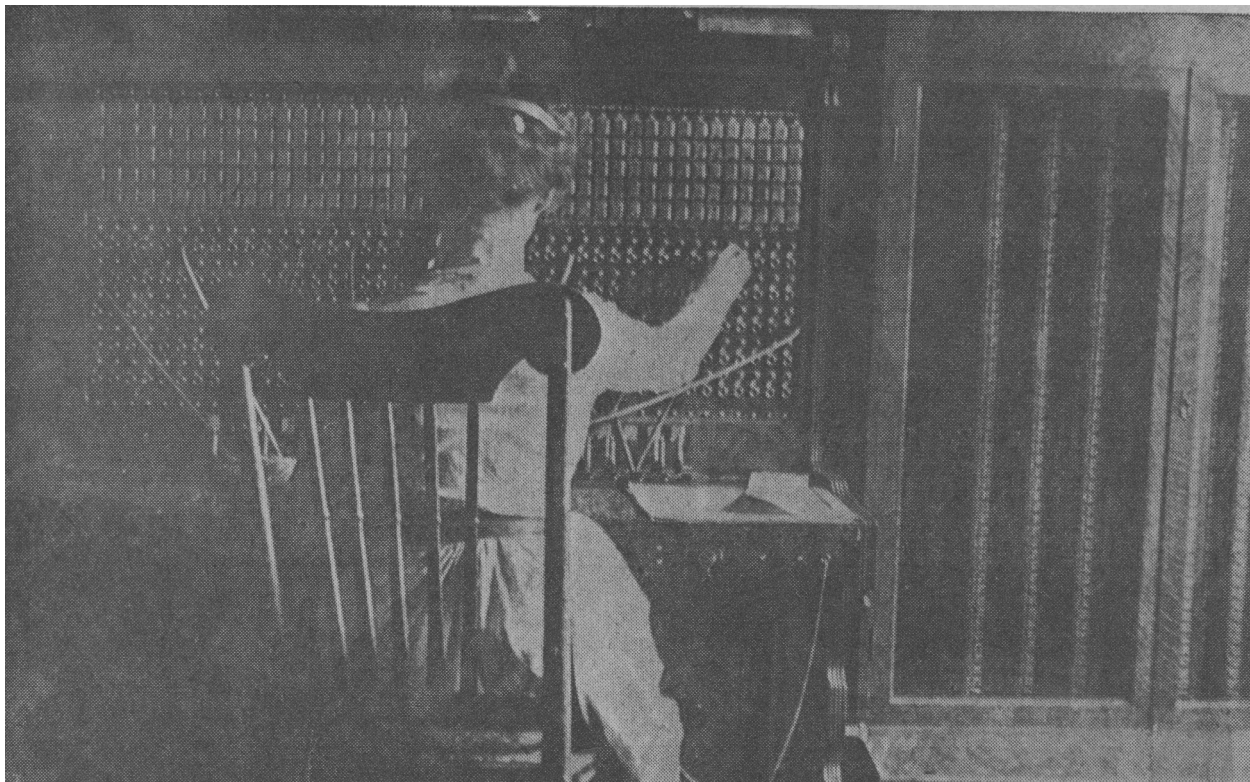
In 1904, the company was sold to the Dakota Central Telephone Company, having at that time 424 town and 11 rural customers. The Company became the meeting point for telephone lines from Huron, Sioux Falls, Parker, Yankton and Chamberlain. The central office was a small frame building at 115 E. 5th Avenue, across the street from the 1905 Corn Palace. This location is now occupied by the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot. In 1911, the existing facilities became inadequate to handle telephone communications for Mitchell. A new telephone office was built at 115 E. 3rd Avenue. On April 7, a public meeting was held to discuss the type of telephone system Mitchell should have: new improved magneto equipment like that which was currently being used or the Automatic Electric Company dial equipment. The decision was made to install the dial equipment. This would then enable Mitchell customers to place their own local calls rather than have to go through the "hello girl" (operator). This change brought an increase in telephone rates which were set by the Railroad Commission, the fore-runner of the Public Utilities Commission. It was felt that the convenience of dialing would far offset the increase in rates.

In 1929, the Tri-State Company of St. Paul, MN purchased the Dakota Central Telephone Company. These companies were purchased by the Northwestern Company in 1934 and operated as subsidiaries until 1942 when they merged with Northwestern Bell.

The telephone service we have come to rely on today has evolved in various stages. In 1963, direct dialing was introduced in Mitchell. In 1974-75, the present telephone building was built at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Rowley Street. This enabled the company to install the \$5.2 million Electronic Switching System (ESS) in 1976. Many new services came with the installation of this equipment: Touch-Tone Calling, Three Way Calling, Call Forwarding and Speed Dialing. In 1978, a rural service improvement project was completed. This provided upgraded storm proof telephone service and eliminated all eight party lines.

There are now several companies providing telephone service to Mitchell and its rural customers.

Don Boyden DDS



This picture taken July 23, 1901 shows Millie Mayo operating the switchboard in the second telephone office located at 115 East 5th in Mitchell.



- 215 J.E. Wells - Abstracts, Insurance, Real Estate & Loans
- 217 H.G. Nichols - Bicycles, Bicycle Repairing, Jewelry, Musical Merchandise, Pianos & Organs, Watch Repairing
- 219 Mitchell Printing Company (Mitchell Capital, Mitchell Daily Republican) - Job Printing, Legal Blanks
- 221 C. G. Rathbun - Chinaware, Fruits & Confectionery, Groceries
- 221 Upstairs - Mary Skinner, Stenographer, Ada Wright, Stenographer
J. A. Baker - Physician
- 223 The Gillis Shoe Company - Boots & Shoes

WE ARE BUSY IN JULY - PLEASE JOIN US!

Saturday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Book sale at the CRC. Ron Fuchs, MAHS book guru, researched and assembled several large tables of **historical, regional, and special interest books** that will be of interest to the serious reader.

Sunday, July 11th at 1:00 p.m. Mitchell Area Historical Society and Mitchell Area Genealogical Society members, guests, and the public will assemble at the Carnegie Resource Center and travel to the **Thomsen Center Archeodome** as guests of Dr. Adrien Hannus, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Anthropology Laboratory at Augustana College and Dr. Alan Outram, archeologist and faculty member at the University of Exeter. Our group will visit with them and students from the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom and Augustana College, in Sioux Falls to learn more about their work as part of the Augustana-Exeter summer excavations at the Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village. The Thomsen Center Archeodome will charge their **group rate of \$4.00**.

Monday, July 19th at 4:30 p.m. Mitchell Area Historical Society and Mitchell Area Genealogical Society members, guests, and the public will assemble at the Carnegie Resource Center and travel to the site of historic **Fort James**, on the Rockport Hutterite Colony, with assistant state archaeologist Michael Fosha from the South Dakota State Historical Society. Fort James was the only fort in Dakota Territory built with stone. In 2009 Mr. Fosha joined with other professionals, including Dr. Adrien Hannus, during the intense archaeological research and filming of PBS's **Time Team America** episode about historic "Fort James – South Dakota." For those who plan to join us on this excursion, the Time Team episode will be available for viewing at the Carnegie Resource Center after our visit to the archaeological site. **There is no charge.**

Main Floor Janitor's Closet Improved

With the use of cement, 2 gallons of patching plaster and 2.5 gallons of paint, a sheet of plywood and a sheet of peg-board and hooks, a new donated light fixture, carpeting, totes and many hours of volunteer time, the janitor's closet has taken on a new organized look. See for yourself.



Before



After

View from the Engine Room

As time goes on, much is being done with the old Carnegie Library, bringing it up to date in various ways. The very special quartzite exterior has been tuck-pointed, a new insulated roof has been installed, and hours and hours have been spent cleaning and polishing.

Much of the first floor was in pretty good shape when the Mitchell Area Historical Society gained possession, but when we looked into the basement, we found it had been neglected and abused.

In addition to years of dust and dirt, there were leftovers from the many renovations, updates, and other mini-construction projects, some of which succeeded and some of which failed.

As noted in the last newsletter, the storage room has newly restored doors with frosted glass windows of the type many of you remember seeing in doctors' offices. You will, that is, if you are over 50 years old! The doors are located at opposite ends of the room and are identified as Room 219 and Room 221. The latest addition is Room 218, which is the bathroom on the lower level. The newly restored door with a frosted glass window replaced a cheapie hollow core door such as you can find at any discount home improvement center.

The next room we embarked on was the "Engine Room" where the boiler lives that heats the entire facility. Quite a lot of work had been done on the boiler controls to

improve efficiency and cut costs, but the room itself had remained untouched. Walls had gaping holes left from a number of boiler and wiring installations that needed to be filled and many years of dirt that needed to be cleaned out. A local business donated some kitchen cabinets, and with the diligent work of two super painters, the room now has a glow that it has not had for years. Painting a room like this with hot water pipes coming and going and electrical conduits everywhere is a major challenge, but our two champion painters did prevail.

As each day goes by, the CRC gets just a bit nicer and is a wonderful home for the many documents and artifacts from the Mitchell area and for the Oscar Howe dome mural.

Our next major project is restoring the 55 windows in the Center, which will bring us another step closer to pronouncing the exterior renovation complete.

If you are in Mitchell, be sure to stop to see us. Don't stop with the treasures upstairs as there is more to see in the "Engine Room."

Special recognition to: Karen Pooley, Janet Martin, and Lyle (Glorious Leader) Swenson

Mel Pooley, Engine Room First Mate of the Good Ship Carnegie

MAHS Programs – January through June 2010

Each month MAHS schedules speakers on various topics about Mitchell area history.

FEBRUARY 1, ANNUAL MEETING - The MAHS annual dinner meeting was held at Wesley Acres after being postponed from January because of snow. The speaker was Jeffery Hazard, AIA, LEED-AP, and CEO of Koch Hazard Architects in Sioux Falls. His PowerPoint presentation “Preservation³: Sustaining Buildings, Downtowns, Communities” addressed the need to preserve and restore deteriorating old buildings to enrich and improve historic downtowns and communities. He encouraged the use of strategies to conserve energy.

Naomi Powers, eleven-year old daughter of Doug and Shiori Powers, played five classical violin selections for an appreciative audience. Clarence Larsen accompanied her at the piano.

Officers for 2011 were installed by Dorothy Malde, one of the founders in 1988 of MAHS. Lyle Swenson will be president; Don Boyden, vice-president; Chris Festvog, secretary; Jim Hunt, treasurer.

Jay D. Vogt, director, South Dakota State Historical Society, described - with informative statistics - the extensive work done by the five departments of the SDSHS. David Brooks, president of Mitchell Main Street and Beyond, reported on steady progress by the group. An excellent catered meal was served by Ruby Tuesday in the beautiful and spacious dining room of Wesley Acres

FEBRUARY 15, HANSEN WHEEL AND WAGON SHOP – Doug Hansen, owner of this remarkable business that restores 19th century wagons and stagecoaches as well as builds authentic reproductions of original design and construction, narrated a PowerPoint showing scenes from the 2008 Pierre to Deadwood trail ride and the 2009 trail ride that ended in Fort Pierre to recognize the opening of the new Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center and Mattie Goff-Newcombe Conference Center. Doug was assisted by his sister, Cindy Van Laecken, who also went on the trail rides, and his mother Dvonne Hansen, who spoke of the stagecoach trail that went north on the west side of the James River from Yankton past the Firesteel settlement on to Ft. Pierre. Israel Greene, a Civil War veteran who was an early inhabitant of Firesteel, surveyed the route for that trail in the 1870s as an employee of the Territorial Legislature. The many dramatic trail ride photographs included some by Greg Latza, award winning photographer from Letcher.

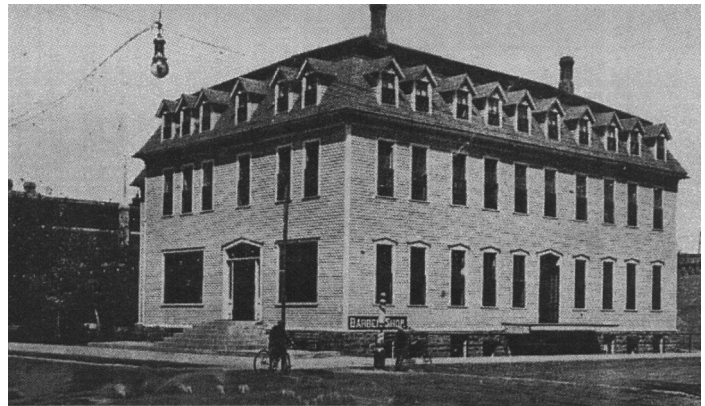
MARCH 15, CASEY TIBBS RODEO CENTER – Janice Bartels, administrator of the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center in Fort Pierre, described the professionally designed three million dollar museum, which is an important addition to the history of rodeo in South Dakota. Rodeo garb supplied by Einstein’s Costume Rental along with rodeo memorabilia of the CRC were displayed. The Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center opened in August 2009 when trail riders went to Ft. Pierre in wagons and coaches along the trail from Firesteel to Ft. Pierre.

APRIL 19, ANTIQUE WAFFLE IRONS – Featured was the antique waffle iron collection of the Reverend Boyd Blumer, retired United Methodist pastor. Over 50 non-electric waffle irons were displayed and one was used to make waffles. Audience members enjoyed samples served with whipped cream and strawberries.

MAY 3, FALLEN HEROS BANNERS - Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Nelson of South Dakota National Guard’s 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade based in Sioux Falls spoke about the Fallen Heroes Banners which honor, respect, and memorialize 28 South Dakotans who sacrificed their lives protecting our freedom while serving in the U. S. Armed Forces during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. CWO3 Nelson was deployed to Afghanistan for his third tour of duty in May 2010. His previous tours were in Iraq and Afghanistan. Photos were taken of relatives with the 3’x 6’ banners honoring their hero. The CRC main gallery was encircled by the impressive banners.

JUNE 21, CAPITOL CENTENNIAL - The South Dakota State Historical Society commemorated the South Dakota Capitol Centennial in two ways. In the evening, using a script drawn from South Dakota newspapers of the 1880s, Jay D. Vogt, SDSHS director, and Lyle W. Swenson, MAHS president, read with dramatic flair the outspoken opinions in support of Pierre (by Jay) and Mitchell (by Lyle).

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Alexander Mitchell Hotel (1881-1913)

The following is an excerpt from [Early Pioneering in Davison County](#) by Nellie M. Lindsey.

“The Alexander Mitchell Hotel

“This was completed in 1881 at a total cost of \$23,000. It was 87 1/2 by 112 feet, three stories high, and seventy sleeping apartments. There were smaller hotels built about the same time—the Columbia Hotel first called the Lawler House; the Sanborn first called the Wells House—but one writer of the time says that there were not enough sleeping accommodations in the town. The Alexander Mitchell Hotel was long pointed to the pride by the citizens. Its formal opening occurred December 21, 1881. Very dainty programs were arranged and printed for the event, stating that the banquet was to be from six to nine o’clock, toasts from nine to ten, dancing to commence at ten with Prof. Pomeroy’s Orchestra. The dance program began with a promenade, then followed the names of dances popular at the time— quadrille, polka, schottische reel, waltz, and others. Mr. A. E. Hitchcock was master of ceremonies and the floor committee consisted of T. H. Wilson, G. L. Beckett, J. W. Beattle, O. T. Litchfield, T. C. Burns, A. J. Waterhouse, H. M. Weil. This hotel was the scene of many gay occasions. It was destroyed by fire on November 12, 1913. It stood on the east side of Main Street about the site of the Woolworth building and Baron’s store.” (Present day - the James River Gallery)

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COMING EVENTS

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- July 19 (Monday) 4:30 pm.** Meet at CRC to carpool to the site of historic Fort James. Dr. Mike Focha, South Dakota State Historical Society archeologist who supervised the site for the Time Team America televised "dig," will host the visit.
- August 16 (Monday) 4:30 pm.** Meet at CRC to carpool to the historic "Rock House" owned by David Van Overschelde. This early building was a stop on the Yankton stagecoach trail that went north on the west side of the James River past the Firesteel settlement.
- September 20 (Monday) 7:00 pm.** Margaret Quintal, who managed the Oscar Howe Art Center from 1977-1985, will present information about Oscar Howe and aspects of the Oscar Howe Art Center during that period. John Day, USD professor emeritus of Fine Arts, will share in the program.
- October 18 (Monday) 7:00 pm.** Jim McLaird, DWU professor emeritus of history and political science, will speak about his new book, The Dakota Wesleyan University Memory Book 1885-2010.
- November 15 (Monday) 7:00 pm.** Chris Festvog, MAHS secretary, will describe the life of his uncle, Christian Festvog (1894-1918) who, with his family, came to the United States from Norway.
- December 9 (Thursday) 7:00 pm.** Celebrate the annual "Christmas at the Carnegie" with the Mitchell Barbershop Chorus and Santa Christof.
- January 17, 2011 (Monday) 6:00 pm.** MAHS annual meeting and dinner at Wesley Acres. Rod Evans, author of Palaces on the Prairie, will present his comprehensive video about the many grain palaces in the United States.

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Monday through Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Call 605-996-3209 for additional times.**