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DANEVILLE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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CAL- ENDAR: DHA MUSEUM (with wheelchair ramp), 101 N State St., and DHA Rural School Building, 106 N State St., Viborg, SD 57070; Open Sundays and no-mail federal holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT, weather and circumstances permitting.

This schedule applies to other Viborg-side activities, when possible.

To tour the museum and the rural school building by appointment, ON.CALL: Richard Skola, (605) 766-5675 (10-15 minute wait); or Lester Lauritzen, (504) 563-2732 (15-30 minute wait). Families and groups welcome. (Advance notice for these, especially for ten or more people).



SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REP VISITS DHA MUSEUM.

On Tuesday, August 11th, Jane Roth Williams of the S.D. Historical Society, Pierre, paid an official visit to Viborg's DHA Museum. Williams arrived from Canton, and apparently will tour museums in southern South Dakota in the next couple of days. Following a tour of the museum, where Williams took many photos, she held an extensive conference with Host Richard Skola, who was assisted by Lester Lauritzen, and DHA Chm. Grant Peterson, who dropped in during the tour.

Following the conference, Skola and Peterson escorted Mrs. Williams for a tour of the DHA rural school building.

AUGUST DHA MEETING: The DHA Board of Directors met in the museum at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 5th. Present were Directors Grant Peterson, Palmer Peterson, Roberta Rasmussen, and Lester Lauritzen. Also, Richard Skola.

Secretaries and Treasurer's accepted as read.

Many subjects were discussed informally. Several bills were included. The proverbial need for space, including storage

continues unsolved. Palmer Peterson and Toots Peterson will try to check some possibilities.

A need to display farm machinery continues. New rock south of the museum may be used to display "outside (unsheltered) farm machinery, south of the museum. Still no building to display shedded farm machinery, old cars, etc.

Some items have been offered and will be used as space permits.

The annual DHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be at the museum at the regular 2, immediately following the monthly Board Meeting.

GUESTS: There were no visitors Sunday, August 2nd.

August third, Monday, visitors hosted by Richard Skola, included: Barl O'Kane, Hartford; Becky Price, Ogema, WI; Bill and Judy Jesse, Sioux Falls; and Karen Berg, Woodland, CA.

Sunday forenoon visitors were from Helsingr, Denmark. They were very enthused with the museum property and its rural school building. They had flown to Chicago, and were traveling by car to see prominent places across western United

States. They were to fly back to Denmark from California.

This replica of Viborg's Danish Brotherhood Society, dedicated 1905, to razed 1970, has now, apparently, a new resting place, if not a permanent home.

This replica of the original DBS Hall, (which stood where Wells Fargo bank is now) is located northeast of the DHA Rural School building, in Viborg. This DBS Hall replica faces north, towards Blaine Avenue just over a half block west of Mick's Station and Wells Fargo Bank, on the west side of Viborg's Main Street. "Long May She Roost!"

HINTS & SUGGESTIONS

Sale bills and event programs (such as Danish Days) are future historic artifacts and sources of information. The museum has at least one old sale bill (auctions). A D-Days visitor to the museum 2009, suggested that such items, (and nearly everything else - LRL), have complete date, INCLUDING THE YAR. Good idea. Mange Tak.

Likewise, clippings and other information sources, should be dated, and also have the source name, address, and locations of such publications. Ditto for any other sources of information.

Give names, dates, and addresses.

Likewise, be careful how you care for, adapt, combine, or

stroyed, or ruined, in whatever works is being done, or was done, to an item of significance.

A remaining portion of something is better than nothing, but, "beauty" or convenience, cannot replace missing parts or information. "Pretty" does not contain historical significance.

Anything left out, gone, or missing, however trivial it may seem at the moment, is useless. Improving, saving time or space, may be destroying history.

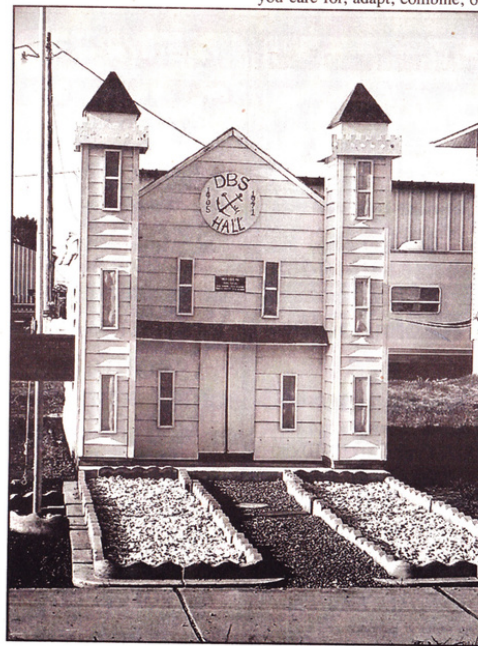
From the "yesteryear" column of the August 6th Centerville Journal the following is excerpted:

"August 1934: All empty grain sacks which had contained poisoned grasshopper bait, should be burned. If the sacks are not burned, and are used for livestock feed, it is possible that the sack might be contaminated from the arsenic left in the seams and folds of the sack. This could kill livestock consuming the feed. The only way to avoid this is to burn the sacks."

LRL: For younger readers, in addition to the drought and few crops, a plague of grasshoppers invaded the Dakota area in the dirties. One of the ways to fight them was the arsenic poisoned grain. Centerville had a treatment plant to furnish the poisoned grain. How the poison was spread is forgotten. If the poison was dry, likely an end gate spreader should have worked.

Another way to fight the hoppers, was to attach a hopper to the front bumper of a car and drive through a stand small grain or hay that was infested the hoppers. As the grain was pushed forward and down with the hopper, the insects, fell off backward into the hopper. When full, the hoppers were filled into empty sacks and left to fie. Later they could be dumped and considered fertilizer.

Them was the "Good Old Days"!



DBS HALL REPLICA SETTLES DOWN

"Home, Home on the Range"! "In the "Old North Pasture". The Danes of Daneville - Viborg have finally set down their DBS Hall Replica, and allowed it to "set roots" and "rest in peace"!

"improve" items of historical interest for historical preservation. Sometimes, "improving" something, can damage or destroy some of the information that one is attempting to preserve.

Sometimes, items have, or may have, most of their significance covered, damages, de-