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Museums Transition to Winter Hours

The 3M Birthplace and Lighthouse Museums closed for the year October 21st. It was a successful season as we had nearly 10,000 paid admissions to the three sites.

Overall, paid admissions are up over 5% over the 2017 season. The Lighthouse Museum welcomed over half of the total visitors for the season while the Depot Museum saw over 2,250 visitors. 3M's visitation increased with over 1,000 visitors.

The North Shore Scenic Railroad continued to bring visitors to the Depot

Museum's doorstep from Memorial Day weekend through October 14th. We look forward to welcoming the trains back next year.

During the fall, the 3M Visiting Wizards traveled to Two Harbors and presented at Minnehaha Elementary and North Shore Community School.

The visiting wizards are current and former employees that bring STEM programs to schools and communities across Minnesota. Dan and Jeff presented on cryogenics in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall September

29th.

The 25 attendees were able to taste a frozen marshmallow and watch as the duo experimented with liquid nitrogen and dry ice, showing how different matters react to the ultra cold.

The annual membership dinner was hosted at the American Legion Post #109 October 9th from 5-8 pm. Speaker Bill Berg presented on the failed re-introduction of caribou to under the Works Project Administration to North Western

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Armistice Day November 11th, 1918

On the morning of November 11th, 1918 came the rumor that the armistice was signed. Later in the morning the report was confirmed.

Then the city began to vibrate. Locomotive and steamboat whistles were blown. Automobiles with yards of tin cans tied to the rear axles were driven everywhere about the city. Window curtains went all the way up, doors and windows were flung wide open, flags were

hung out, dogs barked and people who hadn't publicly smiled for twenty years laughed and clapped each other on the back. The hours of the day rolled on with ever increasing noise and hilarity.

At 4PM every person, every tin can, coffee pot, and wash boiler was assembled at the intersection of poplar street and Third Avenue. Then began the greatest parade ever witnessed because everyone was in

the parade. Perhaps of such length will, in all probability, never again happen in Two Harbors until the city has attained a population of 300,000 souls.—Victory Agate, 1919, THHS



VE#99: 1919 Ex-Servicemen's banquet Armistice Day Two Harbors

On the Homefront During WWI



00.11.95: Red Cross in patriotic parade, May 4th 1917

In 1918, the Two Harbors Senior Class voted to forgo publishing the annual Agate yearbook and donate the funds to purchasing Liberty Bonds. The next publication, the Agate Victory Edition, details the efforts made by the community to support the war effort.

At the forefront of the efforts were the Two Harbors Red Cross. Organized in June 1917, the Two Harbors Red Cross not only raised funds for supplies to send to the troops overseas but also operated over 15 sewing and knitting circles.

In addition to the sewing circles, a group of 25 local women were trained in making bandages and dressings. Trained by Genevive West and operating out of the Carnegie library, these women made over 46,800 bandages for the War, Cloquet, and Moose River fires.

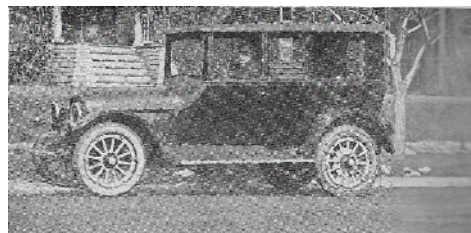
The sewing circles made over 7,000 hospital and French Relief garments. The knitting circles made over 2,223 items made from yarn provided by the Duluth Branch of the Red Cross. In total, the effort resulted in 1,450 pounds of clothing shipped to Duluth to be distributed during the Fires of 1918 and the war.

In addition to sending clothing, bandages, and money it was necessary to ration sugar, meat, and gasoline during the war. The Federal Food Administration was created August 10, 1917 to "Stabilize supplies and prices by abolishing speculation, hoarding, and profiteering." In May 1918, a survey was sent out to all households in Lake County requesting flour levels in the pantry be measured. If each household had more than the allotted 6 pounds, it was requested that the extra be sent back to the merchants. In total, over 7,778 pounds of flour were returned.

Each person was restricted to 1.25 pounds of meat per week while sugar was restricted to 3 pounds of sugar per month. Each merchant would send in weekly sugar sales to the Lake County Office which would keep track of rationed products. April 1918 the Fair Price Committee was formed to control prices of staple goods in stores. Merchant representative KCD

Smith informed the businesses of prices and distributed wheat-less recipe books. Publications in the newspaper informed consumers of product prices while children were taught how to ration at school.

The school's involvement in the relief effort began in earnest Fall of 1917. Organized under Mrs. Weaver, students began to plan fundraisers and collect tin foil, paper, and fruit pits. The teachers formed their own coalition to raise funds for the red cross under Laura McArthur. February 1918 the Junior Red Cross league was formed and began to utilize the sewing and shop classes at schools across Lake County to contribute to the war effort. Upper classes sewed garments while the lower classes braided cord and knitted afghans. Students in shop class built card tables with inlaid checker boards to be sent overseas and used to entertain troops in the camps.



Victory Agate pg 132: George Munford in his car c. 1918. Munford organized the Motor Corps in Lake County.

Minnesota Home Guard

During spring of 1917, the federal government began creating new programs and agencies to support its eminent entry into the war. At this time, the Minnesota National Guard was federalized. Governor J.A.A. Burnquist called for the formation of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety to mobilize state resources in the interest of public safety. April 16, 1917 the group officially took charge of the state's regulatory, public safety, and military functions.

One vital resource the commission called for was the formation of the Home Guard. 65 volunteers from Lake County formed Company E of the 3rd Battalion. Sworn in September 20th, 1917 the group worked to defend public safety and enforce wartime programs including rationing and draft. September 2018, the Lake County Motor Corps was organized by George Munford. Part of the 7th Battalion Company C of the Minnesota Home Guard Motor

Corps, Lake County had over 25 volunteer drivers ready at a moment's notice to transport troops and civilians to various points. Little over one month later, the motor corps was mobilized to transport survivors of the fires in Moose Lake and Cloquet to hospitals and Red Cross camps across the affected areas. They were also used to transport flu patients between hospitals and homes. At the end of the war, both the Motor Corps and the Minnesota Home Guard were disbanded.

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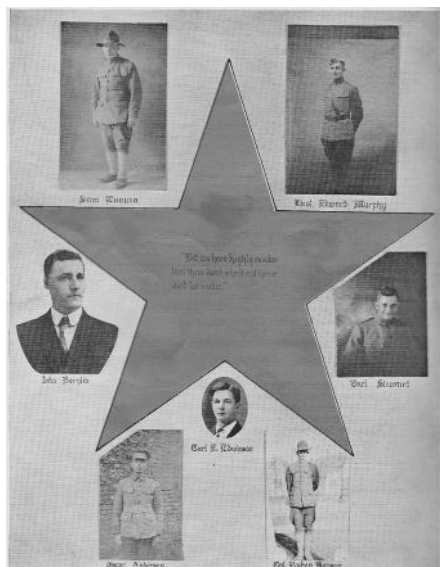
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Victory Agate pg 12 "Lest we Remember our Fallen"-
Memorial of 7 men who perished overseas during WWI

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Museums (Continued)

Minnesota. Berg worked from 1971 to 2001 at the DNR as a wildlife research biologist with a specialty in moose, ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, and all predator and fur-bearer species. His presentation not only covered Roosevelt's ill-fated reintroduction of woodland caribou to Northwestern MN but also chronicled the history of caribou in Lake and St. Louis Counties. Thank you Bill for an engaging presentation!

Lake County Historical Society also thanks the Two Harbors Football Team for serving the member dinner and the Legion for hosting us again this year.



**Special Thank You to
Chuck Stanley and Jeffery Payne for
bringing the 3M Traveling Wizards to
Two Harbors! They visited North Shore
Community School, Minnehaha Ele-
mentary, and performed for the public
at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Hall on September 29th.**



Collection Connection



William Scott Collection, LCHS: 2 Pieces of fence from the Alsace-Lorraine boarder monument c. 1873. Collected c. 1919.

These pieces of cast iron are from the pre-war border between Alsace-Lorraine (Germany) and France. These border monuments were at intervals along the boarder and stood about 6 feet high. After the war, they were torn down and broken up by the infuriated French. Parts of the German Eagle appear on each side of the piece to the right. They were brought back from France in 1919 by William E. Scott.



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Scott graduated from Two Harbors High School in 1907. He went on to receive a

Bachelor of Science from Macalester College. He taught high school around the state. In 1916, he became principal of South Saint Paul High School. Scott entered officer's training camp at Fort Snelling on June 1, 1917. He was commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the Infantry and assigned to Camp Dodge. Before sailing he received his commission as 1st lieutenant and he arrived in France September 20th, 1918. In France he was assigned to the 804th regiment of Pioneer Infantry. He was in active service at the front at the time the armistice was signed.

After the war, Scott remained in France for roughly 1 year studying economics at the University of Grenoble near the Alps. He came home via New York City in 1920 and continued his education at the University of Minnesota in Political Science.

Upon graduating, Scott moved back to Two Harbors where he became a probate court judge for 25 years. He also played a pivotal roll in forming

the Lake County Historical Society. An avid historian and collector, Scott began exhibiting historical artifacts in a small room at the courthouse. He became secretary of the Lake County Historical Society in 1927 and wrote several historical novels.



William E. Scott in Uniform, Victory Agate, 1919 pg. 18, THHS

His most well known book, *The Wreck of the Lafayette*, chronicling the sinking of the ship during an epic 1905 storm. Scott's dream of a larger museum was realized in 1960 when the Duluth, Missabe, and Iron Range Company granted use of exhibit space in the depot where the present-day gift shop now sits. Scott passed away January 10, 1962 at the age of 71.



The Depot is open every Saturday from 11 to 4 pm. All other sites are open for group tours by special arrangement. Reservations must be made at least 1 week in advance.

Mark Your Calendars for "Holidays at the Lighthouse" featuring short tours of the historic keeper's quarters December 14th and 15th from 11 AM to 4 PM.

Tickets: \$2 for members, \$7 for public.

Purchase at the Depot, first come first serve.

Shuttle will depart the Depot on the hour, each tour will be limited to 15 people. Tours will last 30 minutes and drop guests back off at the Depot.



Top Left: 00.708- Lederle family and lighthouse c. 1892 Top right: 00.35.60- James Family Christmas c.1905

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