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## Wayzata Historical Society at the Depot

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### October 1949 – a bad day for a boat ride

*photo from Cynthia Dewes*

Cynthia Dewes sent us this photo of the October 1949 windstorm. We could be mistaken but the view appears to be from the Boat Works toward the Shady Lane lake shore. Is your ChrisCraft insurance in effect in October?



### July 2003 Quiz

Some of you may recognize this photo from the walls of Hart's Cafe. It's age is unknown but the attire gives us a clue. Your questions are:

- 1) who are the young people in the scene [some have suggested it was the Thomas girls] and
- 2) about what year was it taken?

Guess what! We don't know the answers. This is more like a fact finding mission. Your

responses will be attached to the back of the photo in the Society archives. This photo was loaned to the Society by Charlotte and Richard Buratto, Long Lake. Charlotte is the daughter of Howard Taylor, owner of Hart's Cafe.

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## Get involved in your Wayzata Historical Society

As Wayzata moves toward it's sesquicentennial year (150 years) help us research Wayzata's colorful history, preserve it and pass it on to future citizens. Our Society is only as good as the people who can volunteer some time. Call to work with one of these groups.

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# Wayzata Historical Society Telegraph

"Preserving Wayzata's past and present for future generations"

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## Golfing Legend Bobby Jones gets lesson from 17 year old Wayzata Boy

by Lynn R. Gruber

When golf legends are discussed the names of Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Babe Zaharias, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, and Tiger Woods head the list. But some would argue that the man from Atlanta, Bobby Jones, may be the greatest golfer of all due to his tremendous accomplishments in an eight year span of time from 1922 through 1930 and the



Tony Feser on fairway to Woodhill's 15th hole, a slight dogleg left

fact that he retired as an amateur golfer at the ripe old age of 28. Bobby Jones' accomplishments in that period included winning the top four golf championships in one calendar year—the Grand Slam of golf—the British Amateur, the British Open, the U.S. Open, and the U.S. Amateur in 1930.

The 1930 U.S. Open was played at Interlachen Golf Club in Minneapolis. Bobby Jones came to the city directly after winning the British Open at the Hoylake course of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, with a score of 291. The U.S. Open was played in sweltering 90 to 100 degree Minnesota summer heat and humidity.

Wayzata native, **Tony Feser**, was seventeen in the summer of 1930 and caddied at Woodhill Country Club. Members of Woodhill, including Charlie Ireys and Totten Hefflefinger,



Amateur Bobby Jones, Grand Slam winner retired at 28

brought the 40 or so caddies to Interlachen to watch the last round of the U.S. Open. Tony recalled that a huge crowd followed Mr. Jones around the course. There were no ropes, like present day tournaments to protect the golfers from the excited golf fans.

Tony and all the other Woodhill caddies were witness to, in Tony's words, "one of the greatest rounds of golf every played!" After hitting one amazing shot after another, (with a few wayward shots too) Bobby Jones won the tournament with a 40 foot birdie putt on the 18th hole, thereby clinching the third piece of the Grand Slam trophy.

The next day, before heading off to the Merion Cricket Club (later Merion Golf Club) in Pennsylvania to pursue the fourth and final challenge of the 1930 Grand Slam of golf, Mr. Jones was invited to play a round of golf at Woodhill Country Club, in Wayzata, by the great Minnesota amateur golfer, Jimmy Johnston. The foursome

included: Totten Hefflefinger, Norman Clark (Woodhill's pro), Jimmy Johnston, and Bobby Jones. Young Tony Feser caddied at the club and was chosen to caddy for Norman Clark. Norman Clark's son, Norman Clark, Jr. was chosen to caddy for Mr. Jones.

Tony Feser's favorite memory of the round occurred at the 15th hole, a slight dogleg left. Bobby Jones' drive landed left of the fairway on a wagon track dirt road. Due to obstructions blocking his normal right-handed stance, Jones selected a left handed 7 iron. It was quite common in those days for right handed players to include a left handed club in their bags for situations such as the one Bobby Jones was facing. Mr. Jones asked, "How far to the green?" Tony answered, "one hundred ten yards." "How far to the cup?" Mr. Jones inquired. "One

hundred and twenty seven yards," responded caddy Feser. Mr. Jones grasped his left-handed 7 iron and hit the ball crisply, landing it one foot from the cup!

Mr. Jones turned and looked at Tony, "You really know your distances, don't you!" Up to that day, in 1930, the record score at Woodhill was 67, held by Jimmy Johnston. At the 18th hole, Bobby Jones needed a birdie to set a new course record of 66. Tony Feser said he watched Jones hit a spectacular iron to within four feet from the cup. By making the putt, Jones had a chance to break Jimmy Johnston's course best of 67. Everyone witness to Jones' putt, including young caddy Tony Feser, believed he purposely missed it so that he would not break the course record. Bobby Jones was not only a great golfer, but great gentleman.



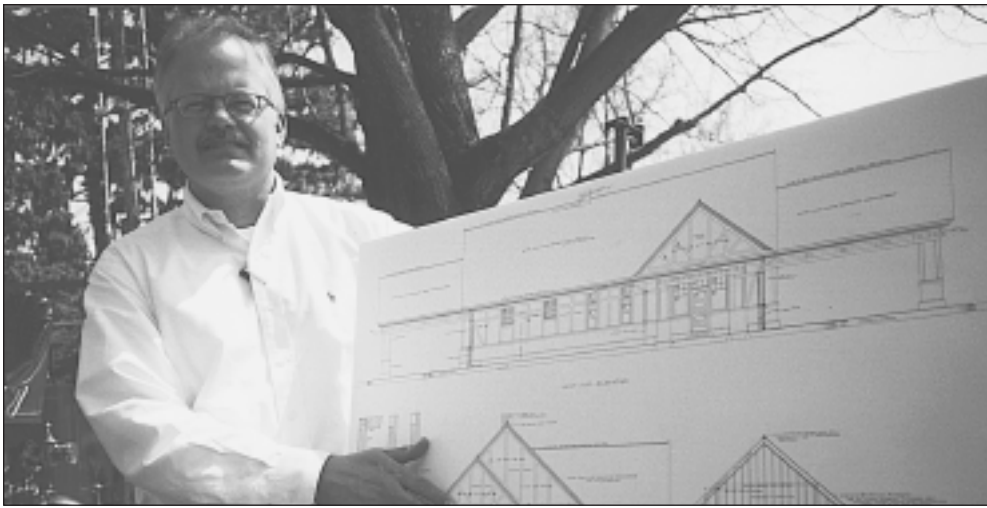
Sharp-as-a-tack, 90 year old Tony with two Bobby Jones books

After telling the author this story, Tony Feser reflected back about 40 years when he witnessed a 20 year old amateur golfer named Jack Nicklaus shoot an incredible round at the Wayzata Country Club in the TransMississippi championship. On the fifth hole, Nicklaus hit his ball into a deep grass bunker. He extricated the ball with a wedge shot that landed one foot from the cup. Tony knew he had previewed a future golfing giant. Last August, Tony attended the PGA championship at Hazeltine Country Club in Chaska where he saw current golfing phenomena Tiger Woods vie for the trophy. How many people can boast having personally witnessed three of the greatest golfers of all time playing the game—only another legend, Wayzata legend, Tony Feser.

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Jack Amdal presented original Depot blue prints

## Depot Opening Had Crowd Appeal

by Nerval Gramshotner, contributing editor

No bugs and no rain, the Depot Grand Re-opening activities were not dull. Organizers orchestrated topics for everyone. Face painting, clowns and balloon twisters for the kids. A Wayzata memories presentation by Wayzata's renown English teacher, **Phil Fraser** (career-1955 to 1986) entertained and embarrassed no one. Architect, **Jack Amdal** presented original Depot blue prints by original architect Samuel Bartells. The Depot, closed in 1971, is an example of a Tudor style building. In 1982 it was placed on the national register of historic buildings.



Phil Fraser was roped into presenting and did a great job

## Wayzata Historical Society to Co-host Road Show of Antiques

Saturday, July 26th • Meridian Manor

All members are welcome to this event. You are encouraged to arrive with your antiques at 1:30 pm. Appraisals begin at 2:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm. These will be ORAL appraisals! Two appraisers will be available for this event. The cost is \$5.00 per person. All proceeds go to the Wayzata Historical Society. Larger donations will be welcomed. This is a joint venture between the Historical Society and Meridian Manor. Meridian Manor will cover the cost of the



It may look as if Julia Peterson (L) and Carol Raschke were sweet cookie dispensing ladies but were in fact heavy handed membership sales closers. Their pitch was "join or swim"



Station Master, John Lebens posed in front of old fire truck with two 100 year old ladies -his daughter Whitney (L) and Liz Prodahl

appraisers and provide refreshments. The Society needs volunteers to help man the activities and to promote WHS memberships. Neither sponsor has funds for large scale of advertising so your help with word-of-mouth is encouraged. For information contact-Alexis Patrick, Meridian Manor, 163 Wayzata Boulevard 952-473-3200. (Fax-952.404.1540) Note: **Due to liability, you will be responsible to handle your own merchandise**

## Depot in terrible trouble

Attendance at the Depot is way up this season. For example over 300 on Memorial weekend. Station Master Terry Middlekauff reports the volunteer staff of two can not handle the load and desperately needs help. Terry says the tasks are not complex and involve; greeters, attendance counters, sales, Wayzata history resources and depot office guides. You need not be a WHS member to donate a few of your hours. Rail enthusiasts are particularly desired. Contact Terry at thm@usinternet.com.

## Society Calendar available at James J. Hill Days

The new limited edition 2004 Wayzata Historical Society Calendar will be available at the Society's J.J. Hill exhibit booth on Main Street. Calendars were printed early so you can plan your Christmas gift giving. This edition will cover 150 years of Wayzata history in photos and text. Renew your individual or family membership at the booth and receive a **free** calendar. The Society wishes again to thank **Keith Waters**, for his very kind contribution to the budget required to produce the calendar. In addition to purchasing a smart gift, you'll be supporting the WHS.

## DEPOT CAPTURED BY SMALL BAND OF WHITE GUYS IN LITTLE BLACK HATS

Station Masters Terry Middlekauff and John Lebens report the Depot's summer hours as Noon till 4 PM, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. April through the end of 2003. When your out-of-town friends and family arrive this summer, instead of spilling drinks down your barbecue apron, bring them to a Depot tour and a ride on 'the long yellow boat'.

**DEPOT HOURS**  
**Saturdays, Sundays**  
**and Holidays**  
**Noon to 4 PM**

## Report on the April program

# A Long Day's Night

by Nerval Gramshotner, contributing editor

Harriet Day Carlson with a supporting cast of Dan Day (6th generation grandson living in Wayzata) made an admirable presentation of the Day family. Dan was substituting for Day relative and Fire Chief, Paul Klapprich, who had to leave suddenly. Firemen do that a lot. Leave suddenly. In this case Paul had a Fire Convention. Convenient Paul! Harriet was heckled by at least 30 Days in the audience. The early portion of her presentation read like Chronicles of the Old Testament... "these were the sons of Hur, the first born of Ephrathah..." We got through that and nobody jumped up to correct her.



Presenters Harriet Day Carlson & Dan Day

Program moderator, Bernie Klein is going to present another Wayzata Family series in October, the Fesers and the Ices.

October, the Fesers and the Ices.

*Gramshotner, after losing a leg in a Hennepin Avenue pool hall incident in 1994, divides his time as a bush pilot flying illegal Walrus hunters in and out of Valdez, Alaska and writing for us in the summers.*



Doug Day was one of the 30 heckling Days in crowd

Day family immigrants who moved to Massachusetts in the 1635 period came from Wales, Scotland, England and Germany. The family moved to the Plymouth, MN area in the 1850s and dominated the trades-farmers, builders, carpenters and electricians. A.W. Day was a plumber and passed the business down to his nephew, Earl, father of the current bunch ages 50 to 70.

The Days were prolific-Earl and Janet had fourteen children.

As a dramatic close, Harriet and family members unveiled the family tree. Each person in the last 260 years was represented by a square of less than one inch. The tree was 12" high and **30 FEET** long! When the Days gather for their annual reunion 125ish people descend on local motels and the Legion.

At the end of her presentation, it was an audience free-for-all of remembrances. One cute story was about Bruce Day's neighbors, Richard and Patty Wilson who in 1960 started what is now known as the 4th of July Wayzata Kiddy Parade. In 1960, it was five or six Days and neighbor kids who paraded around a half block area on trikes, wagons and scooters. The motivation for the parade was so the dads could retire into the dark recesses of the garage and drink beer while keeping an eye on the youngins.

## July Program Annual Ice Cream Social Wayzata Depot Lawn 7pm-July 10th, 2003

### WHS NEWSLETTER CORRECTIONS

The April newsletter had a series of errors. Editor, John(ny) O.(on the) Spot has been demoted to hot-type boy. Here's what we (he) got wrong

- In the Day Family program promo...
  - John Brown and Elizabeth Jardine did not beget Elisa, their daughter was Eliza
  - Albert (AW) Day and Eliza did not beget Earl, it was Janet, wife of Earl
- Old Eyes story. Alice Hersh prefers the proper spelling of her last name, Hursh
- Membership column. We joined two people at the hip. A successful medical operation has now created two splendid and wonderful individuals-Al Merz and Ellen Wilson Meyer



## Announcing the July program

# "Hey, you dropped your ice cream cone"

Bernie Klein, Program Chair, reports the Second Annual Ice Cream Social (instead of a presentation in the basement of the Meridian-Manor) will include the an **old fashion croquet match** (bring your balls and mallets), **ice cream** and **cooling drinks**. Bernie suggests you appear in **old fashion white lawn attire** and bonnets for the ladies. If you come so attired, we could renew this right of summer on a continuing annual basis.

## New and Renewing WHS members

Mar/Apr 2003

- Michael and Yoshie Babcock
- Mary Anne O'Connell Bays
- Thomas Peter Blyth
- Marian Day Bowser
- C. William Briggs
- Cleve and Shiela Crowningshield
- Harold and Fran Day
- Cynthia Oare Dewes and Ed Dewes
- Jane Day Freund
- Marvin Frost
- Cal and Peg Henninger
- David E. Hill
- Patricia Wilson and Jodi Lee
- Robert Letson
- Brenda and Terry Lindgren
- Debi and Ray Lipkin
- James McGill, D.D.S.
- Sandra V. Morrissey
- Donald and Jacqueline Schaezel
- Jim Scheller
- Susan and Gerald Schwalbach
- Carol Senn
- Tom and Karen Sneed
- Gerald and Pam Sonderup
- Vic and Dorothy Stein
- Bob and Arlene Strom
- Lucia P. Townes
- John E. Wagman
- Fred and Eleanor Winston

# MEMORIES OF LIVING IN WAYZATA

A greatly abridged story by Cynthia Oare Dewes, Class of 1950



My Mom, Pearl(R) and her sister Carrie (the Keller Twins) at age 8 in 1914

The thing about living in Wayzata was, we seemed to be related to almost everyone in town. My mom was one of the Keller twins, daughters of John Edward “Ed” Keller and Lillian Julia “Lil” Winnen Keller, and granddaughter of Hennepin County pioneers Peter and Annie Winnen and Christian and Maria Keller.

The Keller twins had an older brother, Frank, who died at age three. He was taken to the cemetery on a cart drawn by a white pony, and buried in a tiny white casket. His grave stone in Parkers Lake Cemetery has a lamb lying on top. The twins also had a younger brother, John Harvey Keller, born seven years later.

My dad was Art Oare, a transplant from Wilson, Wisconsin and the oldest of 11 kids. His brothers, Cliff, Otto, Carl and Gordon, and sister Gladys Halderson, also came to live in the Wayzata area. His sisters Anna, Pearl, Ethel, Frances and Margaret remained in Wisconsin.

We often visited Aunt Teen and Uncle Eb (Christina Winnen Dillman and Eben Dillman) and heard tales of all the relatives—the Dickeys, Swaggerts, Eddys, Crawshaws, Smiths, Squiers, Fricks and, of course, my Great-uncle Paul Winnen. His wife, Lula, was a sister to Adie Keller, the wife of my mom’s first cousin on the other

side, Ed Keller (son of Henry Keller). These girls were related to the Welches and Keeslings. Anyway, it went on and on and, being a kid, I wasn’t too clear on my relationships. I just knew we had a big family.

For 13 years, kindergarten through high school, I attended Wayzata Public Schools. Only later did I realize just how progressive and excellent they were. My friendships with fellow kindergartners have survived half a century: Monie Neiss Johnson, Marcy O’Connor Lightfoot, Marlene Johnson Zinter, Don Streeter, Ken Schafer, Dave Hill, Norman Shepherd, Barb McKenny Birong, Betty Shrewsbury Sundblad, Charles Hagstrom and many more.

Our school, which housed grades K-12 for many years, was later named for Hal Widsten, our popular high school principal. My graduating class of 1950 was one of the last to graduate from that mission-style adobe building. It had been built during the 1920s when my mom was in high school, to replace the school that burned down.

Miss Conover in first grade, Miss Franz in second, Miss Hughes in fourth, and Miss Robertson in seventh grade, were my favorite teachers in grade school. Behind her back, we called Miss Schlieter, the fifth-grade teacher, Miss Nazi, because she had iron discipline. She’d take bad boys out in the hall



My Dad, Art Oare caretaker, and Oscar Larson chauffeur/gardener, at Atwood’s farm.

and we could hear their heads bang against the wall as she emphasized each point of her scolding.

In high school I enjoyed Miss Hart’s typing class and working with her and Connie Johnson Rosekrans on the yearbook. Mr. Doepeke\* was beloved for his wicked sarcasms in Social Studies. Mr. Widsten and Miss Ramsland\* were famous for their kind ways,



Eben Atwood in 1939, owner of Atwood’s Hobby Farm and co-founder of the Atwood Coffee company

and Mr. Crowningshield\* for his gumption. He was the Bobby Knight of WHS.

Miss Purdy\* could get a song out of anyone, and Mr. Budnick could actually produce music with band members. Mr. Gullixson could teach math even to me, and Miss Heinen was downright inspirational in teaching English, Latin and Speech. Miss McPhee remains my friend to this day.

We lived on Atwood’s Hobby Farm on Gleason Lake Road for 10 years, from the time I was three until I was 13. The Atwoods were very kind to me. They had one grown son, Henry, and adopted twin girls 10 years older than I, named Nancy and Jane. Henry was kind of serious, but the girls were hellions and lots of fun.

\*Members of the Society today.

During World War II, Nancy and Jane had many boyfriends. Once they met the movie actor, Victor Mature, and asked if they could bring him to dinner but Mr. Atwood refused. He took a dim view of actors and their morals. He was a pillar of the Wayzata Congregational Church, and a very good man.

Mr. Eben Atwood started as a poor boy living in Chicago at the time of the Great Chicago Fire. He was a hard worker and a self-made man who came with his brother to Minneapolis, where they founded the Atwood Coffee Company.

I lived on Atwood's Hobby Farm until I started high school and then we moved to Willow Lane near the County Workhouse. We lived on the shores of Gleason Lake but couldn't swim in it because of the leeches.

My mom and I went to the movies at the Wayzata Theater every Friday night and often on Sunday

afternoons. Fridays were dramas and Sundays were musicals. We saw almost every movie made, good or bad, from about 1937 through 1950 when I left for college at the U of M.

After the movies we'd drop in at the Old Drugstore (today a flower shop) at the west end of Lake Street for an ice cream cone and maybe a comic book or movie magazine. Later, we frequented Supplee's drugstore fountain (the Bookcase today) for a cherry coke or a chocolate soda.

My grandpa Ed Keller was a master carpenter who worked for many years at the Wise Boat Works, (where the Yacht Club is) making cabinetry for Chris Craft boats. Grandpa and Uncle Eb built identical houses. Grandpa's was across Central Avenue from where the Batson family lived (now the Boardwalk apartments). Uncle Eb's was on the west side of the street in the first block of Broadway north of Highway 12. Both houses still exist, but Grandpa's has been renovated beyond recognition.

Aunt Teen, like the rest of the Winnen sisters,



**First Grade, Wayzata Public School, 1937-38**

**Back row:** Marlene Johnson, Lowell Day, Mildred Heffelfinger, Jim Ostvig, Kenneth chafer, (help?), Barbara Johnson, Don Streeter and (help?).

**Row three:** Roger (help?), (help?), Carol Hokanson, Dennis Dacey, Phyllis (help?), Charles Hagstrom, Thomas Cruikshank, (help?), Richard Wilson and teacher Miss Conover

**Row two:** Betty Shrewsbury, Marjorie Roberts, Jimmy Ice, (help?), Thurmey Williamson, that's me Cynthia Oare, Norman Sheperd and Joanne Dausman

**Front row:** (help?), David Hill, (help?), Gladys Dunn, Myrna (help?), Norma Chorakos, Barbara McKenny, (help?), Rosemary Crandall and (help?)

was not only an excellent cook but also very artistic and "crafty." A tiny, woman, she would braid room-size rugs from scraps of wool clothing, sitting in a chair in the middle of her livingroom. The Winnen sisters were superb china painters, and sister Carrie Crawshaw, who lived in California, was one of the original artists who developed the Sunbonnet Babies designs.

Great-Grandpa Peter Winnen wasn't much of a farmer, but he loved to hunt, fish and decorate with hand-carved things he made from whatever wood was at hand. He was especially fond of nature and animal motifs in his carving. Some of his work, including decorative wood panels and a church pulpit are now on display in the Western Hennepin County Museum in Long Lake. He made large wall shelves, cabinets, tables, and a settee whose base features a carving of two men on a seesaw thumbing their noses at each other. He carved a wooden footbridge over Minnehaha Falls in St. Paul, now gone.

One family story told how Great-Grandpa Peter was commissioned by James J. Hill, the "Empire Builder" with whom he was

acquainted, to carve a large picture frame at the price of \$200. When Grandpa presented the finished product, he told Hill the price was now \$300. "Then you may keep it," said Hill, so Grandpa relented. We were told this kind of quick decisiveness was one of the reasons Hill was a millionaire and Grandpa wasn't.

Great-Grandma Keller was a hugely obese woman who required a double casket when she died, according to my mom. She would make the twins, Mom and Aunt Carrie, tie her shoes when they visited because she was too fat to bend over. She was some kind of tyrant, according to family lore, and also paranoid, making Aunt Tillie taste her food to make sure it wasn't poisoned.

Wayzata was a wonderful place to live and grow up. The interesting people, events and history of the place, plus the enrichment it offered, were remarkable for the time, and I'm grateful I had the experience.

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# President's Column

by Merrily Borg Babcock



2003 is half over, which means that in 6 months Wayzata will celebrate its 150th birthday! 150 years since **O.E. Garrison** "inaugurated proceedings by which the town site of Wayzata was laid out", ('Happenings Around Wayzata' by Ellen Wilson Meyer). This layout was not legal until the following fall and spring after the government finished surveying the township and subdivision lines. Thus the town was platted in 1854-55.

With this 150 year mark quickly approaching, the Wayzata TIMELINE is being produced, as I write. This is the last call if you have something you think would be interesting to include in this permanent display at the Depot! Old maps, photographs, tickets, letters or small objects. Your name will go down in history if we are able to use the item. We will also have some other interesting items to celebrate this event-one being a new booklet of Wayzata's 150 year history. Other efforts are still in the formation stages and will be coordinated with the City activities (Julie Anne Schmidt-chair) So... Call us and get involved. After all, Wayzata only turns 150 once!

On July 10, we will have our 21st Annual Meeting. Terms expire for some of our board members. A new nominating committee has been given the assignment to enlist potential Board Members with the quality, energy and commitment so many of our current board members exhibit. This task will be handled by **Jack Amdal, Sue Bangert, Chuck Schoen and Marilyn Kingman**. Thanks to all for accepting these duties!

A few other projects are in the works. An informational brochure is being produced about early settlement in Wayzata and the difficulties in clearing the land... Wayzata was all hills, swamp, lake and BIG WOODS..."so thick-bolled and tall and compact were the trees of this peninsula of forest that though in May the leaves were mere pencillings of green, the sun did not penetrate to the forest floor." ('Once Upon a Lake' by Thelma Jones).

Bernie Klein, with the generous help of Judy and Charles Crosby, are initiating our first Annual Donor Appeal...we will announce the outcome at the Annual Meeting. A new calendar for 2004 is in the works. The collaboratively funded effort of the Heritage Preservation Board and WHS, "Windshield Survey of Historic Standing Structures and Sites" is going into the final edits and will be presented to the Wayzata City Planning Commission in July. It's fascinating! Lots going on...so join us!

## Special People Gone But Not Forgotten...by Jane Shanard

Wayzata's consummate and irreplaceable volunteer **Egon Andersen** died April 13 at age 85. He unabashedly loved his community. "Mr. Wayzata" will be missed!

*"I always called Egon first when it was time to mail our WHS newsletter*

*because he always had such wonderful stories and entertained us all. He would peel off a label, look at it and invariably have a story to tell about the person and others around the table would add theirs," said Julie Jacques. "I can't believe he won't be there to entertain us. We had so much fun."* Egon always had the answers to the historical trivia in this newsletter and this newsletter staff wonders who will replace him.

Wayzata Fire Chief Paul Klapprich remembers playing first base on the winning men's softball team of the mid-50s that Egon and the Mileage Station sponsored. "He was wonderful to us. We were right out of high school and we had such a good time." Egon served 29 years as a volunteer firefighter 'until he reached mandatory retirement age.' Egon's trucks were used to serenade young lovers and pull the dunk-the-clunk out of the lake in the spring.

*"Egon was one of those wonderful people who helped make Wayzata the marvelous town it is. His good works drew many others to join the building of our community. He did it for the joy of seeing Wayzata advance; never seeking any recognition, reward or public office,"* remembers Chuck Schoen.

He was devoted to his wife of 60 years who preceded him in death. After her stroke, he attended every one of her therapy sessions, going into the water with her each time. Everyone has an Egon Andersen story. He was a Wayzata treasure.

**Virginia (Jinny) Shaver**, 91, lifelong resident of Wayzata, on April 1, 2003. Jinny was the last of fifteen siblings from two families whose history dates back 150 years in the Lake Minnetonka area. Jinny was a wonderful WHS volunteer and a wonderful historical resource. She loved the community and was active in many activities.

**Jim Frost**, 51, longtime co-owner of Frost & Budd and son of WHS member Marvin Frost, on April 3. Jim was a lifelong resident of Wayzata.



Egon Andersen



## Archives Committee Report

by Kathie Doerr, Chair-  
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- Committee has finished filing all the newspaper, pamphlets, books, yearbooks and made an index of files.
- Photos are being scanned for public use and to keep originals safe in the library. Two photo book topics have been completed. More volunteers are needed for this activity. Various controls for photo use are being discussed: email downloads, fees for original photo reproduction, a sign out procedure which involves the first born, etc.
- Station masters are working on three new exhibits for the Depot.
  1. Working phones between Station Master's office and lobby.
  2. Working telegraph.
  3. Bells.
- Committee is exploring railroad related merchandise for sale.
- Discussion about a CD library of oral interviews is on-going.

*The Archives Committee could really use some volunteers who know how to use a scanner and help enter data into our archives program.*

## History's Warriors

Local folk who remember the needs of the Society in their busy lives are noteworthy. Allow us to praise members of Pareto's 20%\* club:

**Patricia Wilson** presented the Society with an enlarged photo of Clifton Johnson, son of a mother who was a Frick.

**Dave Griep** gave up possession of a copy of the Minnetonka Yacht Club Centennial book covering the years 1882 to 1982. The book is a signed copy by the author.

**Dave McGill**-historical photos.

**Fritz Weber family**-Wayzata School photos and school event programs.

**The Les Oare Family** gave us **C. Emery Nelson's** swivel desk chair.

**John Hill** gave us a photograph of a Great Northern Western Star train.

**Fred and Eleanor Winston** made a generous donation for general operations.

**C. Wm Briggs** made a donation for the Station Master's Office.

**Kitty and Barry Petit** also donated to the Station Master's Office.

\*Pareto's law-20% of all humans are activists/leaders/decision makers while 80% sit on their fannies and do nothing (and loose wars)

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## 1951 North Shore Champion Swim Team

Anne Crowningshield provided us with this and other new photos for our collection. Thanks Ann!

**Top row:** Tom Looney (assistant coach), Deborah Dickey (assistant coach), David Quay, Dan Carney, Truxton Morrison, Jerry Frantz, Nick Morrison and Charles McElman.

**Middle row:** Kristen Pauly, Tamara Labitque, Judy Howard, Ginger Quay, Ann Shaver and Judy Cruikshank.

**Bottom Row:** Leslie Miller, Ann Mather, Gretchen Dickey, Connie Johnson (head coach), Jay Johnson and Chrisy Jensen  
Not pictured are: Neil Neddermeyer, Steward Shaver, Freddy Meyer, Bill Dickey, John Reike, Demby Klass and Carol Meyer.

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD UPDATE

by Judy Starkey

The Heritage Preservation Board (HPB), initiated by Wayzata City Council in September 1998, has been picking up momentum in recent months. Using a grant from the Council and the Wayzata Historical Society, HPB hired an architectural historian, Robert Vogel, to research Wayzata, its history and its significant buildings, both commercial and residential. During this process, he and the Board soon realized that areas or districts in Wayzata were probably as important as individual buildings. Identified by Vogel are three districts: First, the Bluff Neighborhood or Wayzata South, historically significant from 1875 to 1945. Second is Wayzata North, north of Wayzata Boulevard, dated 1900 to 1945. Third is Old Holdridge, encompassing among others, LaSalle Street and "Arlington Heights" – 1890 to 1945. Vogel's report is slated to be presented to the Planning Commission in July and City Council in August. If accepted, the report will be available for sale as a booklet and on the Internet. Owners of significant historic properties will be notified on their optional inclusion in 'Historic Wayzata'.

There is a further job for the Board-and that is to recommend changes to the ordinance to recognize "districts." Older sections of Wayzata are not rife with architectural wonders, however the districts are the history of our little city. Wayzata was not just a summer colony. It was a busy town and commercial center with a stable population all year

around. Many of the names from the past are still recognizable today. The HPB is also recommending a street sign difference for the original 1854 platted city. Designs for the signs and approval by the Council are pending. Added to all this are plans for 2004 festivities – the 150th year recognition – still being thought out. HPB is made up of five members appointed by the Wayzata City Council, although they are one short at the moment: Judy Mahoney (Chair), a recent transplant from Australia who is very familiar with the preservation process from her involvement there; Vice-Chair is Judy Starkey, resident of Wayzata for 26 years; Julie Ann Schmidt, Planning Commission member; Jeanne Osterby, Wayzata resident in Harmony Circle since 1957. Nonvoting advisors to the Board are Dave Frischmon, Finance Director for the City; recently joined by Chris Slania, City Planner; and Graciela Gonzalez from the Planning Commission. Frequent contributors to the meetings are Jack Amdal, Planning Commission Chair and former Wayzata Historical Society President, and Merrily Babcock, President of the Historical Society. Meetings are open to all interested people. However, meeting times are juggled to avoid Council meeting changes, work schedules, baby sitter availability, and children's school programs. Check with City Hall or HPB Chairman.