



The Little White Paper

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Morley recounts history of his Golden Valley home

The following was written by **Mike Morley, 4006 Roanoke Circle, Golden Valley:**

4006 Roanoke Circle is a two-story stucco house on a dead-end street. It was built sometime after 1900 on the foundation of a barn that was part of the TOLG farm in the early 1900's.

The original TOLG residence was 4-5 houses North of this lot and has since been re-built. It was still in the TOLG name when I moved here in the early 1980's.

The WEISE family originally purchased or constructed the actual house at 4006 Roanoke Circle as part of a "hobby farm" in the early 1900's when this part of Golden Valley was still "rural" and undeveloped.

The WEISE family apparently lived in the Lowry Hill area of Minneapolis and used this house as their "summer vacation" house until they got electricity in about 1917.

ROBERT W. WEISE, JR. was the son of the Weise family who lived here. Robert Jr. lived here full-time from about 1918 (when he was a young boy) through 1946 according to what he told me when he visited me at the age of 86. I did not record the date of his visit years ago, but it may have been in the late 1990's; so he may have passed away by now.

As I said, his parent's owned a small hobby-farm here with this house as their residence. The house

had a hand-pump for obtaining well water until the electricity was installed in about 1917. Then a new well and pump-room was built which still exists on the southeast corner of the house (although not active or in-use).

The TOLGs and other nearby farmers raised pigs, and the WEISE family also had a few goats and other barnyard animals. They regularly had uninvited visitors from Minneapolis who would go to Wirth Lake Park on weekends especially, who would then sneak through the woods and approach the wire fence in back to observe the farm animals. Those park-goers were often at Wirth Park to obtain spring water from the park area.

ROBERT WEISE, JR. also told me that "big city folk" would pay to have their garbage taken away, so horse-drawn wagons would regularly depart Minneapolis with the refuse from restaurants, hotels and homes. The wagons would travel west on Western Avenue (now Glenwood Avenue in this area) and have to go up the hill from the present intersection at Wirth Parkway. The horse-teams would have to stop to rest on the way up that hill, at which time the leaking liquid from the refuse would dribble out of the wagons and onto the dirt/gravel road, which caused a very stinky mess in the summertime. The Village of Golden Valley eventually passed an ordinance to pre-

vent the refuse wagons from stopping on that hill. The wagons were headed to the local pig farms where the pigs would feed on the refuse as an "old-fashioned recycling" program!!

Hennepin County presents story of medical history

Visit the Hennepin Medical History Center for a journey through Hennepin County's medical history from 1871 to the present. You will see objects, photos, documents, voices of the past, diary and statistical information telling the story of the decades as you travel on your journey through time.

The journey takes place in the Hennepin County Government Gallery in the tunnel connecting City Hall and the Government Center. The Gallery is a glass enclosed display 78 feet long plus a 35-foot curved area across from the center cafeteria. The Medical History display will be available for viewing from August 5 to September 29 during Government Center business hours.

In memoriam

Our condolences to the family of **Shirley Shultz** who died on July 21, 2011. Her daughter, Kathy Mjelde, said that a memorial service will be held in September.

Eleven 75-year residents invited to Historical Society luncheon

On Wednesday, September 7, at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, the Society will honor those persons who have resided in Golden Valley for 75 years or more. So far eleven honorees have been identified and invited to be the guests of the Historical Society for lunch. Mary Anderson will be the master of ceremonies for the event.

Are there any more candidates to be found and so honored? Contact the Society if you know of someone who qualifies.



*A Golden Valley
125th Anniversary
theme program.*

October road show in Woodbury

The Woodbury Senior Residence in Woodbury has requested that the Society conduct another antique road show at their facility on Saturday, October 22, from 2 - 4 p.m. Members of the public

may bring up to five items to be appraised by Bonnie Lindstrom and James Marrinan. A \$5.00 donation, which goes to the Society's building fund, is requested for each item to be appraised.

Board elections set for September 8 general membership meeting

As the Society comes to the end of its 36th fiscal year, the officers and members of the board of directors are given a hearty "well done"! The directors function as the policy makers of the organization. There is now an opportunity for any member in good standing, wishing to

become a candidate for election, to serve on the board of directors. The election will be held September 8. For questions or further information contact the Nominations Committee chairperson, John Colwell at 763-377-1975 or john@colwell-colour.com.



The First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band played on a warm July evening as members of the City Council (Paula Pentel pictured) scooped Sebastian Joe's ice cream at the annual Golden Valley Ice Cream Social.



Ewald Dairy history presentation moved to December 8

The December 8 general membership meeting will feature William Ewald, great grandson of Chris Ewald, the founder of Ewald Dairy, and son of Ray Ewald. Ewald will present the history of the Ewald Dairy and the Ewald family members. The meeting will be held at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, at 7:00 p.m.

Recent accessions

Blair and Linda Tremere donated a television and VHS player, which will help in the conversion of the Society archives of the collection of VHS video tapes to DVD. Lyle Mottinger contributed three Little League books from Golden Valley from the 1970's. Thank you, Blair, Linda and Lyle, for donating these items to the Society.

"Caching in on the geocaching fun", an article by Gail Weinhold with Golden Valley Patch, an online newsletter (see goldenvalley.patch.com) has been reprinted with permission and is an insert to this newsletter. It is not part of the newsletter as the regional editor granted permission to reprint the article in print form only. It will not be available online except on the Patch site and should not be otherwise reproduced. We believe the article is one of the best explanations of a modern "treasure hunt" using GPS that we have seen. We thank Gail Weinhold and her editor, Matt Peiken.