



The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society
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CIVIL WAR SURGEON ARCHIBALD S. MAXWELL – AND SOLDIERS’ AID IS THE TITLE OF THE MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:



George C. Maxwell

Presented by George C. Maxwell, Esq., great-great-great grandson of Dr. Archibald S. Maxwell. George C. Maxwell is the author of “Agent of Mercy: The Untold Story of Dr. Archibald S. Maxwell Civil War Surgeon and Iowa State Sanitary Agent”.

George C. Maxwell will discuss soldiers’ aid/sanitary commissions in the Western Theater of the Civil War (in particular Iowa). He will also discuss Dr. Maxwell’s service in the Civil War. This includes a discussion of the role of volunteer medical missions in early 1862, following the Battles of Fort

Donelson and Shiloh, and the evolution of that volunteer service into the more formalized state sanitary agent by the time of the Battle of Vicksburg in 1863. He will also touch upon Dr. Maxwell’s service as an Assistant Surgeon both in the field and at the Military Medical Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa.

The general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2017, at the Society’s historic church located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served following the program.

IN REVIEW:

At the April 13th general membership meeting, Marshall Tanick presented a program on World War 1 Minnesota legal cases as well as the events which led up to the start of WW 1. It was surprising to see how many law suits from Minnesota that ended up at the U.S. Supreme Court, which had impact even today throughout the United States. Very educational and interesting and as usual, Tanick had a smooth presentation. 17 members and guests enjoyed the presentation.

ANTIQUe APPRAISAL SHOW LARGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, April 1st at The Heather’s Manor at 3000 Douglas Drive, Crystal, the Golden Valley Historical Society co-hosted another antique appraisal show. Close to 90 persons attended with one to five items to be given an oral appraisal by the experts from Appraisal Specialists, Midwest. In the 15 years that the GV Historical Society has co-hosted these events at various senior residences around the Twin Cities, the attendance at the

April 1st event was the largest ever. A donation of \$5.00 per item was made by the owners of the items which went to the Society’s museum rehabilitation fund. Many thanks to GVHS members who helped make the event a success: Ken Huber; Paula Pentel; Nancy Kochenderfer; Jean Schultz; DeDe Scanlon; Jim Nielsen and his friend Myrna; Don Anderson; and Vicki Siedl of Heather’s Manor.

WORDS GONE AS FAST AS THE BUGGY WHIP!

Well, hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle – by Richard Lederer. Old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases include “Don’t touch that dial,” “carbon copy,” “You sound like a broken record” and “Hung out to dry.” Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We’d put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right – Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living a life of Riley and even a regular guy couldn’t accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Life use to be swell but when was the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A., of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here but he isn’t

anymore. Well, I’ll be a monkey’s uncle! This is a fine kettle of fish! – we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished and with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Long gone: Pshaw; The milkman did it; It’s your nickel. Don’t forget to pull the chain; Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like 60; I’ll see you in the funny papers. Don’t take any wooden nickels; Heavens to Murgatroyd! We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It’s one of the greatest advantages of maturing. See ya later, alligator!

THANKS TO OUR CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

These members are currently serving as your volunteer board of directors: President Ken Huber; Vice President Steve Schmidgall; Secretary Don Anderson; Treasurer Linda Loomis; Directors: Nancy Azzam; Crystal Boyd; Nancy Kochenderfer; David Kuball; and Scott Goebel. Thank you for your important participation!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Barbara Bailey, 7600 Golden Valley Road, unit 907, Golden Valley, Mn. 55427; email: barbbaily936@comcast.net; phone: 763-544-1439;
Robert and Marion Pierson, 6317 Edgemont Blvd, Brooklyn Park, Mn 55428; phone: 763-533-6439; (no email)

SECOND GENERATION GOLDEN VALLEY STREET SIGN SALES MOVING ALONG:

Through April 12th, current and former Golden Valley residents have purchased 439 of the second generation street signs for a memento, or gift. The second generation street signs were installed beginning after WW 2 and were replaced by new reflector street signs starting about 2003. The City of Golden Valley donated the second generation street signs to the Golden Valley Historical Society rather than having the signs end up in a landfill. The sign replacement project of the City is still going on with the areas in the NW corner of the City, at which time the second generation street signs in that location will be brought to the Society. For more details or information, contact Secretary Don Anderson, 763-588-8578 or email: maryanddon3030@aol.com.

ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:

Ken Huber donated a Dahlberg Pillow Radio, circa 1930’s;

