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Word on the Street

FOOD PANTRY:

June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15
The food pantry is open from 5:45-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall of OVLC, Main Street. The pantry is short of these items: canned meats, canned fruit, personal hygiene products and laundry pods and can be dropped off at OVLC Mon.- Fri. 9am-3pm.

PURDY GOOD OL BAND:

If you're interested in joining the Purdy Good Ol Band for the Velva 4th of July, please call Carmen at 340-9513 or Marlowe at 626-1724.

NCCU PICNIC:

North Star Community Credit Union Member Appreciation Picnics: Butte on Weds. June 17th 11am to 1pm at the Butte Fire Hall. Velva on Weds., June 17th 5pm to 7pm, at the Velva City Park.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

The City of Velva has scheduled citywide spraying for mosquitoes for Thursday nights, between 10pm and midnight.

The Librarian Who Saved McHenry County Newspapers

Submitted by Kathy Holte, McHenry Co. Historical Society



This is the story explains how a collection of large bound books of some McHenry Co. newspapers came to be a part of the library in Velva.

Iris Swedlund, longtime Librarian in Velva (now retired), came to work one day many years ago and found a message waiting for her from the McHenry Co. Journal Register in Towner. They had sold a quonset to an individual and he wanted those "damn newspapers" out of there. She was informed that they were going to go into the dumpster if she did not act soon. So, she asked the school superintendent if the library could be locked up for one day. Permission was granted.

Iris and her helper, Lois Irwin, went to Towner and both "loaded and loaded and loaded and loaded" all those bound newspaper books into her car. Now it's heavily loaded, low to the ground as they drove back to Velva slowly. Iris found many were wet, soiled, and smelly. "It was awful! There's no way I could bring them into the library." Iris said. "I left them in my car for months and bought Bounce dryer sheets with my own money." Eventually she went

through them all, throwing away those soiled thoroughly from being wet.

In this collection, there were newspapers from Velva, Towner, Granville, Deering, Drake, and Anamoose. Iris delivered the Drake Register to the Drake School Library and was open to the public. Eventually they were housed in Drake City Hall and are now in possession of the McHenry Co. Historical Society. A public place could not be found for the Granville Herald, and they were housed in the Velva Public Library for many years. These issues are also part of the McHenry Co. Historical Society today.

All of them Velva original copies of newspapers are available for viewing and research in the Iris Swedlund School and Public Velva Library. Granville and Drake newspapers will be kept in the Research Room later this year in the museum in Towner.

Newspapers are an important record of our history. "They're really a first draft of history," said Shane Molander, State Archivist, State

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It Was Front Page News

Submitted by Kathy Holte

June 1, 1950

Class of 36 is Graduating from VHS this Evening

Commencement exercise for the Velva High School and eighth grade will be held this evening at the high school auditorium at 8:00. The senior class observed the tradition of class night with their program on Monday evening. In addition to the usual class history, will and prophecy, the program, built on the order of a radio broadcast, included several readings and poems. Harold Miller acted the part of Master of Ceremonies. The guest speaker for commencement will be A.W. Larson, employment specialist for the North Dakota State Employment Service. The valedictory and salutatory addresses will be given by Maxine Cilke and Hansine Arneson, respectively. Other high honor scholarship seniors include William Feeney, Iona Hystad, Wayne Ditmer, Dorothea O'Kins, Mary Haaland, and Beverly Shipman.

Presentation of high school diplomas will be made by A.R. Kumm, president of the school board.

June 8, 1950

Building Fund Favored at Election Tuesday

The annual school election for the South Bend (Velva) School District No. 1 was held Tuesday after, June 6, at the school house. Elected at the election was a director for three years, Conrad Grindberg received 60; Ruben Haga drew 12 and Mrs. Edna Hystad 1. Thora Broderson received 66 votes for treasurer of the school board. The outgoing member of the board is Wm. Thompson. At the same election voters were asked to act on a proposal authorizing a school building fund levy as provided by law. To receive this authorization, the proposal had to have a favorable vote from 60% of the voters. The levy measure received 62 "for" and 12 votes "against."

Boys and Girl Scout Breakfast, This Morn at Hotel Berry

The South Bend Homemakers Club will serve some 50 workers and guests at the Boy and Girl Scout Breakfast Thursday morning, at 7:00 a.m. in the Hotel Berry dining room. Mr. Carl Kappel, regional Scout executive, will be present. Mrs. Evelyn Reishus will take the place of the Girl Scout executive, the latter being out of the city. Fr. Karl Hobelsberger who was asked to serve as campaign chairman in the absence of Tony Swedlund, will oversee the workers. After breakfast, the workers will receive their instructions and supplies for the dawn-to-dusk campaign. Scouting needs your help to be assured of continuous growth and expansion.

June 15, 1960

Post Office Box Rentals Advance

According to Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh, postmaster at Velva, rentals on boxes at the Velva office will

advance about 25% effective at the beginning of the next quarter. Post office boxes formerly renting for 45 cents a quarter (three months) will now cost 60 cents. Those formerly valued at 60 cents will be 75 cents.

Large Crowd Attends Annual REA Meeting

This morning, people started arriving in Velva, for the annual meeting of the Verendrye Electric cooperative association. The group of 3,000 members, which come from McHenry, Ward, and Sheridan counties. The program for the day began at 10:00 a.m. with a picnic lunch at noon. James A. Morley is the manager of the Verendrye Electric Cooperative. One of the principal topics for discussion were possibilities for establishing rural telephone systems in connection with the rural electric power service.

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