

# Yankton's Historical Buildings

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With today's issue, Dakota Territory Questers Chapter No. 794 brings to a close a series titled "Yankton's Historic Buildings." Prior issues featured Turner Hall; St. Charles/Morrison Hotel; First Dakota Territorial Legislative Chambers; and First Courthouse (IOOF Hall), all built before the turn of the century. The eight buildings featured here as they look today are a sampling of the many historic buildings that contributed to or were already on site during the move to statehood.



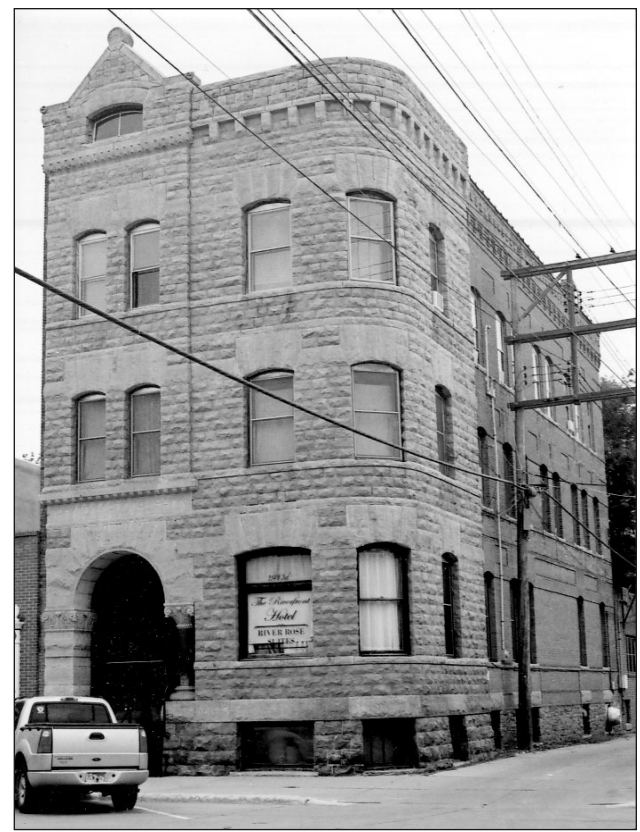
## The Project Committee

Taking part in celebrating the 125th birthday of South Dakota has been a meaningful undertaking for committee members (shown below) Maxine Kinsley, Joan Neubauer, Lorraine Slade, Maysel Goeltz, Marilyn Nyberg, and (not pictured) Chapter President Gert Van Lent.



## GAR Hall

Civil War veterans of Phil Kearney Post #7, Grand Army of the Republic, built historic GAR Hall at 508 Douglas Ave. in the spring of 1887. The post, first in Dakota, organized May 8, 1882. Today the hall is home to Yankton Area Arts.



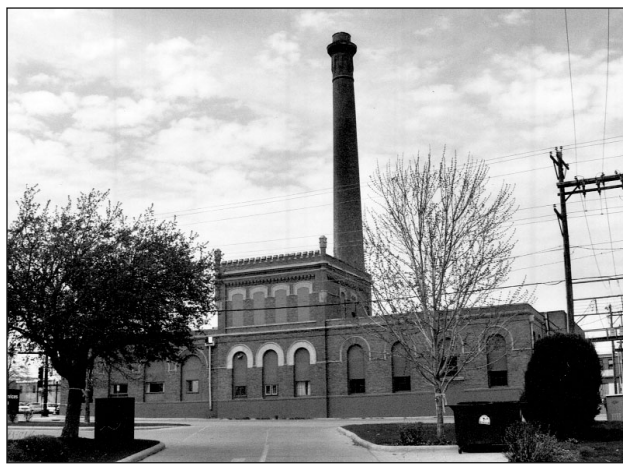
## Yankton National Bank

Prominently displayed on the facade of the venerable red quartzite building at 214 W. 3rd St. are words "Yankton National Bank." Chartered in 1891, Newton P. Edmonds, President, its three stories are currently home to River Rose Suites, Riverfront Hotel.



## Wilcox/Western Portland Cement Co.

Owners of sprawling Western Portland Cement Co. built in 1890 near the river several miles west of Yankton occupied the massive granite and brick building at 200 W. Third St., today home to Attorneys at Law Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward & Huff, Prof. LLC.



## Rossteuscher/Schwank-Barth Brewery

Charles Rossteuscher built a three-story brewery in 1885 on the southwest corner of Second and Walnut. In 1901, F.W. Schwenk and Martin Barth purchased and remodeled the business until prohibition in 1917 forced closure. The well-preserved building is presently vacant.



## City Hall/Fire Station (Moose Lodge)

From 1887 to 1935, the building at 310 Walnut St., until recently Moose Lodge, was Yankton City Hall and Fire Station. The distinctive tower facade which held the fire bell was removed in 1939 during extensive remodeling.



## Excelsior Flouring Mill

The historic chalkstone mill with quartzite foundation built in 1872 at Second and Capitol provided supplies for forts, agencies, and miners. Powered originally by artesian wells, it remains not only a monument to pioneering but also an occasional hospitable meeting place.



## Zina Richey/Edward Dudley Hdwe. Store

Zina Richey arrived in Dakota Territory in 1870, first working for Wynn, Buckwalter Hdwe. Co., and later forming a partnership with Edward C. Dudley. The two erected a hardware store on the northwest corner of 3rd and Douglas, now the Walnut Tavern.



## Great Northern Railroad Passenger Depot

The red frame Great Northern Passenger Depot was built in 1893 near the east end of 3rd St. It was moved in 1905 to 2nd and Capitol and eventually abandoned. In 1978, as a belated Bicentennial Project, the complex was moved to Dakota Territorial Museum grounds and restored.

## MEETINGS

### YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Vernon Arens. Jack Dahlseid gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Toastmaster of the Day was Steve Hamilton who conducted the meeting. Grammarian Arens gave the word of the day, "vigilant," which means to stay alert and watchful to danger or trouble. Teresa Rentsch gave an impromptu speech titled "Tips for learning new information." Lesley Stone gave an impromptu speech titled "College - A typical day at Southeast Technical Institute." Matt Stone conducted Table Topics and asked members to talk about the use of various plants for survival. Janice Stone evaluated the meeting. Janice Kruse evaluated Rentsch's speech, and John Swensen evaluated Lesley Stone's speech. Presentations were given by ah counter Harry Voeltzke, grammarian Arens, timer Kathy Hejna, and vote counter Dahlseid. Trophies were presented to Janice Stone for best table topics response, Swensen for best evaluator, and Lesley for speaker who most closely met the speech's objectives. The business meeting was led by Arens. Guests are welcome. Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 welcomes anyone interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills.

For more information, call 665-8448 or <http://1294.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 15 members present. Member, Jamie Schaefer, introduced her guest, Sheila Kuchta, Executive Director of the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation. Members gave the following announcements:

Julie Amsberry, Director of the Yankton Area Arts Association, announced the new exhibit at the GAR Hall beginning

Oct. 17 along with the First Friday event. YAA hosts a presentation by Paulette Schmidt on Oct. 14 and a concert with Yankton native Michael Cwach and the Domazlicka Dudacka Muzika musical group from the Czech Republic at the GAR Hall on Oct. 24, 2014.

Lois Varvel announced that there would be a repeat presentation of today's program on the proposed mill levy to support historic preservation by Bernie Hunhoff on Thursday evening at the GAR Hall.

Pauline Akland announced the Red Ribbon Rally to be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yankton High School Theatre as part of the drug prevention Red Ribbon Week Campaign. The event is sponsored by the GFWC Yankton Woman's Club, YMS, YHS, Federal Prison Camp, Yankton Police Department and Sheriff's Department.

Jamie Schaefer announced that the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation's fundraiser, Simply D'Vine will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

Kathy Greenway, Yankton School Board President, reported that today's school board meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m. in the school administration building. Several items on the agenda include a discussion of a school resource officer by Brian Paulsen, Police Chief. Other items include property development and the district's \$2.8 million design build project.

Jane Bobzin of KYNT announced that the Lewis & Clark Theatre's production of the "Rocky Horror Show" is now playing at the theatre.

Kathy Greenway of First Dakota National Bank-Raymond James Financial was today's hostess. Her guest speaker was Bernie Hunhoff, chair of the Yankton County Historic Preservation Committee. Bernie spoke on the Historic Preservation Ordinance measure that is on the Nov. 4 general election ballot. Bernie explained that the proposed measure does not increase taxes or create a new tax. The ordinance simply dedicates 1/20th of a mill for preservation of Yankton County history and will not increase a homeowner's tax bill. Funds of approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000 per year would come out of exist-

ing revenues to support projects such as the Mead Building along with other Yankton County historic preservation projects. Ultimately the funding of these projects become an investment in education, enhances tourism, and adds to quality of life in the community.

Interchange will not meet on Oct. 20, 2014, due to the Women's Health Forum. The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, 2014. Interchange and the Chamber of Commerce will host an election forum with the Yankton County commission and auditor candidates at noon at Minerva's. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:45 a.m. The forum will begin promptly at noon.

### ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Meeting was called to order by Commander Fran Johnson with members Brandt, Darcy, Davies, DeBoer, new member Robert Gravholt, Happe, E. Johnson, D. List, Monfore and Paulson being present along with prospective member Wes Meier from Post 114 Coleridge, Neb. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Happe gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and financial report read and approved.

Boys State: Director Darcy to contact Dr. Kindle about a time and place for the Boys State plaque presentation that the Yankton High School was awarded.

Children and Youth: Winnebago Indian Reservation to come to Yankton either the week of the 23rd or week of the 30th to pick up and take back sports equipment for the children there.

Membership: 157

POW/MIA: Director Brandt reported that there were 5 from World War II and 1 from Korea that were returned and identified.

Americanism: None

Unfinished Business: Donation check to be mailed to the Wessington Springs Post for their rebuilding efforts after losing their Post to a tornado this last summer.

New Business: Member Steve Paul-

son talked on the Legion Golf Tournament would like to see Post No. 12 along with Irene and Wakonda Posts to host next Sept 12-13 registration will be \$100 which includes green fees, lunch and banquet at Fox Run Golf Course.

A motion was made by Paulson and Seconded by Davies to sponsor the tournament motion carried

District 8 fall meeting will be Sept. 26 in Centerville and Commander Johnson will be attending for the Post.

Sick Call:

Post Everlasting: None  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
Next meeting is Oct. 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

### GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met October 4, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Akland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Guests: Agnes Eide introduced her guests, Somer Bares and Claudia Schumacher. Loretta Sorenson was the guest of Marilyn Christensen and Donna Kennedy was Mary Albrecht's guest. Fran Fox introduced Kathy Harens and Velma Kuchta as her guests.

Program: President Pauline introduced Carla Hummel, CAVS Director of Volunteer Services Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Carla presented information regarding volunteering at the hospital.

Correspondence: President Pauline read a letter from Emily White, GFWC State President, detailing ways to support local libraries through membership in Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO). Members can participate in ESO by keeping track of books they read. The program provides a reading list and awards, prizes and certificates.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was given by Denise Erickson. This report is information and is filed for audit in June.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Leadership: President Pauline read a short essay, "The Window." This essay

presents a dramatic reminder of how others remember how you make them feel.

Joan Neubauer announced that Priscilla Mazourek was recently presented with the Human Rights Award at the state-wide meeting of Church Women United.

Peggy Schiedel thanked the members for the bars and cookies for the Open House honoring Fran Fox and her retirement from many years of serving the community by welcoming newcomers. Peggy also shared an original poem with the group.

Fran Fox personally thanked the members for the Open House in her honor.

Fund Raising: Marilyn Huntley received orders for items to be purchased from Terri Lynn, Inc.

Bingo: Jo Anne Weber announced that the volunteers for Bingo Oct. 25, 2014, at Majestic Bluffs are Myrtle Andersen, Donna DeJean, Marilyn Huntley, and Shirley Foss.

Business: President Pauline gave details of the President's Project, Red Ribbon Week. The focus of the week will be to raise awareness of drug prevention in the community and will feature activities and events throughout the last week of October. GFWC is a sponsor of a program for the community and will be needing members to help with registration, tickets, and door prizes at the program to be held at the Yankton High School Theater on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. In honor of Veteran's Day, members will be bringing items to be donated to Veterans at Sioux Falls VA Facility.

Welcome New Members: Judy Vanderhule was welcomed as a new member and presented a red rose.

Hostesses: Dot Blaha and Judy Olson. Agnes Eide provided an additional door prize. Winners of the door prizes were Priscilla Mazourek, Pauline Akland, Jo Anne Weber, and Judy Woerner. Barb Law received a red rose.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

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