

The New MANFRED NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM MANFRED, NORTH DAKOTA!



*Photo taken in 2000 by Wanda Melchert
Blue Skies over Manfred*

Greetings to everyone in this second issue of the quarterly New Manfred News! What a delight it is to celebrate Manfred news and memories together through this newsletter. Manfred is bursting with excitement these days... Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. was granted tax exempt status in January, the sounds of hammers and saws are filling the air at the Melby-Rogness home, and people are busy preparing for Manfred Days, July 14 and 15. Wow! A big thank you to all who are joining in to help! In this issue, you will find the Manfred Days schedule, lodging and general information, and a registration form. The New Manfred News column on Page Two capsules news since our last newsletter. Also on that page, the MHP, Inc. article shares thoughts of how we can help.

You are invited to submit items for this newsletter, such as memories, family stories, old recipes, poetry, photos, history, and news to MHP, Inc., or send to Wanda Melchert at wrmelchert@westriv.com. The next issue will be published in August 2001. Many thanks are offered... Thank you to Mildred Miller Reiswig, Pam Nelson Norstedt, and Russ Hornbacher for their interesting articles in this issue. Thank you to Bill Ongstad for the use of his printer, paper, and cartridges for this April issue. Thank you to Audrey Solheim for her help in formatting the debut issue published in December and also for compiling the Friends of Manfred mailing list. Thank you to Perry Anderson for designing the delightful 'I Love Manfred' symbol. Thank you to friends of Manfred for your interest and support, as the history and preservation projects advance forward. Together we celebrate a place called Manfred!

COME CELEBRATE MANFRED DAYS, JULY 14 AND 15!

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Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. was granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Review Service on January 23, 2001 and was issued its charitable solicitation license by the state of North Dakota on Feb. 27, 2001, enabling MHP, Inc. to now accept tax-deductible contributions.

In March, the national register application for Vang Lutheran Church was submitted to the State Historical Society of North Dakota. This application will be considered by the North Dakota Historic Preservation Review Board in a public meeting on April 27, 2001, 1:45-2:30 p.m. at Bismarck in the North Dakota Heritage Center, Project Room.

Not only is Wells County a great place to stem from, but is also a great place to come live with many benefits and blessings!

MHP, Inc. joined the Harvey Area Chamber of Commerce in March. We want to express our appreciation to Kathy Seltvedt of the Chamber for her marvelous guidance and advice in so many ways for our young corporation

For anyone inquiring of the fee for this newsletter, there is no charge; but donations are welcome by anyone who wishes to contribute to the cost of supplies and postage.

Manfred Days, July 14 & 15, 2001 promises to be a wonderful fun-filled time for people as they gather to share together in celebration of Manfred and its history. This festive event will be made possible through the help of many individuals, businesses and organizations. An orientation meeting was held on April 23, 2001 with committees forming to begin preparations.

The sounds of hammers and saws are being heard in Manfred this spring. Contractor Greg Seidel of Cathay and his crew completed some small repairs on the Vang Lutheran Church building in early April, and are now beginning roof and other repair work to the exterior of the Melby-Rogness home. Volunteers are welcome, and will soon be pushing paintbrushes and helping with wooden spindle and window restoration work on this building. Come join this beneficial project.

This New Manfred News, April issue, is being distributed to more than 360 addresses either by postal mail or by E-Mail notice!

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Jarrod Schroeder as the new webmaster for www.manfrednd.org. Jarrod descends from the Ravnaas family. Thank you, Jarrod, for eagerly choosing to assume this position in January 2001. We want to thank Susan Sommerfeld Nelson for willingly taking on the task of originating this site during July-December 2000. A special thank you to Audrey Solheim for her ongoing enthusiastic efforts with Manfred history and her work as administrator of the web site. The time and devotion each of you has given on behalf of Manfred is greatly appreciated.

On April 18, 2001, MHP, Inc. became the owner of the Melby-Rogness Home and adjoining lots. A special thank you to Richard and Wanda Melchert for this contribution of property.

MHP, Inc.

**MANFRED HISTORY
AND PRESERVATION, INC.**

The purpose of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.) is to help gather the

history of Manfred and its trade area, and to help the village of Manfred tell this history story through the preservation of some of its buildings. Manfred has a wonderful history to tell beginning from the year 1893, when the early settlers established it. This village is just one among the countless many villages, founded to serve the farm community. Many of them are fast fading from society's conscious remembrance.

To have friends is a great blessing, and we as friends of Manfred can help with the history and preservation projects at Manfred. First of all, we can help the history project by submitting photos of Manfred, photos of the settler's and of their farms, family history, poetry, music, genealogy, memories, old recipes, artifacts, memorabilia and the like.

Secondly, we can help MHP, Inc. with the preservation efforts by tax-deductible contributions of money, property, and volunteer hours. For those who have been looking forward to making an early contribution, your help is now needed. Work on the Melby-Rogness home began in mid April with the goal to complete work on its exterior in time for Manfred Days. If you choose to make your donation by the end of June, this would permit time to include your name in the Manfred Days Celebration Booklet. MHP, Inc. will be honored to recognize your name as a Contributor in the following categories: Bronze-\$50-\$99, Silver-\$100-\$499, Gold-\$500-999, Platinum-\$1000 and above. Other giving possibilities might also include making use of matching funds through your company or benefit organization, and also through estate planning.

July 14

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
 Pay at door. Come and go as you like.
 Town and Country Restaurant, Hwy 52 E, Harvey

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Guided History Tour
 Manfred

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sabbath Day Worship Service followed by a Fellowship Dinner
 Manfred Seventh Day Adventist Church, Rural Manfred

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. History Activities
 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. History Presentations/Talks followed by Coffee
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Choices: Guided History Tour, Music Jam Practice Session, or Tour the area
 Manfred
 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Wells County Museum hours at the Fair Grounds*
 Fessenden

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Celebrate Manfred Banquet and Program
 Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
 9:00 p.m. and on - Coffee and a Dance
 St Cecelia Catholic Church Dining Room and Social Center, Harvey

July 15

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
 Pay at door. Come and go as you like.
 Town and Country Restaurant, Hwy 52 E, Harvey

9:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by Coffee
 9:00 a.m. All-Sing Choir Practice
 Vang Lutheran Church, Manfred

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Old-Fashioned Day of Celebration
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Catered Picnic Dinner
 1:30-3:00 p.m. Parade and Program
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Enjoy Old-Fashioned Manfred Days Activities
 Booths, Ice Cream Social, Food and Beverage Booths, Demonstrations, Petting Zoo, Music, Games,
 Drama, History Displays, Self-guided Tours, Photo Shop, Silent Auction, Wagon/Buggy Rides
 Manfred

5:00 p.m. Closing Activities
 Supper, Visiting, Music Making/Program
 Location to be determined

When arriving to your first event, look for the MHP, Inc. Registration Table to obtain your Manfred Days Packet.
 See Manfred Days General Information on Page 8, and Registration Form on Page 9.

*The Wells County Muesum will also be open Monday, 11:a.m.-3:00 p.m. Ask to see the many Manfred pieces on display.

MANFRED DAYS, JULY 14 AND 15
 PLANS FOR

**MANFRED SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH
HISTORY**

By Mildred Reiswig

The Manfred Seventh Day Adventist Church, located about seven miles southwest of Manfred, North Dakota was organized in 1894. The charter members met first in private homes.

As the number of members increased, a large enough home was not found in the community to accommodate the growing number of believers. The need for a permanent church home was recognized. A site about six miles southwest of Manfred was chosen to erect a structure.

This first church building was composed of mud brick, which was whitewashed to make it look representative as a place in which to worship from week to week. The floor for the church was made of six-inch wide boards. Kerosene lamps were hung on the walls to provide light for the worshippers. The thought expressed in singing, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior", was the first hymn sung in this new structure. The first offerings included Indian pennies.



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The Charter Members

*Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Deede
Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Deede
Mr. and Mrs. John Deede
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Aberhardt
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kunz
Mr. and Mrs. John Merkel
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. David Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Miller*

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Though all the charter members have been laid to rest, descendants of those members are a part of the present membership including four grandchildren: Dale Miller, Hildor Deede, Genevieve Keson, and Mildred Reiswig, and also two great grandchildren.

In 1910, the members erected a new frame church building at the present location, 1½ miles south of the first church building. Elder George Wagner, the first resident pastor, led this building project. The land for this site was donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Miller.



In 1957, the members felt the need for more room to accommodate the children's divisions. An addition, which included a basement under this addition, was then built. The dedication of this new addition, and rededication of the sanctuary took place in April 1958.

In 1972, the sanctuary was completely renovated on the interior. Additional improvements have been made through the years. During the summer of 1981, the church building was moved onto a full basement and a new foyer was added.

The Centennial celebration was held in June 1994. Many former members from other states were present for the occasion, as well as, many friends and neighbors.

*Photo at left:
The first church building was
constructed of mud brick and
whitewashed.*

*Photo above:
The present church building showing
the original 1910 structure, together
with the 1957 and the 1981
additions.*

Photos provided by Mildred Reiswig

Memories of Manfred

by Pam Norstedt

I remember my years growing up in Manfred with fondness and joy. It was a great place to grow up in the 1950s and 1960s. The town was busy, and at other times, it was quiet.

I especially remember playing ball in the park at Manfred. If we heard the crack of the ball and the shouts of the kids downtown, my brothers and I would come running from our farm, ½ mile north of town, just to get in the game. It was at the ball diamond where I couldn't decide if I was left-handed or right-handed, and which side of the plate to stand up to. If I switched sides, my brothers would then help switch the bat to my other shoulder.

The Manfred Park had a picnic table, brick grill, swing set, and sand area for the kids. What a place! People passing by on the road would stop and watch us play, just to have a break from driving. Sometimes, they would camp out in the park. The café would stay open if the ballgame lasted longer, just to serve us milkshakes or pop. Jake Schlenker even put a pop machine outside his café for us to use. If the game lasted until after dark I made sure to go home with my brothers, because it was so scary walking past the cemetery.

I was afraid of the dark, and that cemetery didn't help matters very much with our farm being so close to it and all. I have a lot of memories that go around the cemetery. While the grownups mowed the grass, we children spent the evening playing there trying not to step on graves.

I lived at Manfred in such a time when Vacation Bible School was held in the regular schoolhouse, before the rules became so strict with the separation of church and state. I think it was on a nice morning in 1964 or so when we were all settled

in the classroom, when someone came into the schoolhouse and told us that we had to go to the church for our Vacation Bible School. It couldn't be in the schoolhouse anymore. I remember feeling like it was not going to be fun anymore. We couldn't even play on the school swings or play on the school property.

The red schoolhouse is the place where I learned that President Kennedy had been shot. I remember the tears on Mrs. Rogness's face as she told us to go home for the rest of the day. It was at that schoolhouse where I learned patience, and learned that everyone was the same no matter what disability they had.

I remember Ricky and Randy Strauss who were the same age as I. They had such a hard time going down the stairs to the lunchroom. They were allowed to leave the classroom early, so that they could have time to eat. I remember that one-day, one of them could not get all the way down to the lunchroom, so the other brother would not go down either. That day, all of us children sat outside the back door of the schoolhouse and ate with them. It was sharing, and not having to explain why.

The gas station was a hub of activity during the winter months. Helmer Solheim had a pot-bellied stove next to the windows. The men would 'chew the fat', and something else and spit on the stove so that it would sizzle.

Stella Sorenson's store had nickel candy bars, and she let us charge once in awhile. It was there that I learned I was now big enough to slice my own lunchmeat using her meat slicer. She said she did not want any blood in her meat, so I was always careful not to cut myself. As I grew older, I noticed less and less groceries on the shelf. Stella said that this was a sign of things to come. Now the doors are closed forever.

We could see for miles around from our farmhouse. Spending the evenings sitting on the steps, my brothers and I would watch the train pass through Manfred and wondered if it was the passenger train or the freight train.

Even today, I can stand on those steps and see for miles. I sometimes wonder if one day this scene will be gone and that the waters of the James River will not look so blue, should the rest of the world's pollution catch up with us here.

I celebrate the past every day of my life, as I look forward to the future. What was in Manfred will never be again, but the echoes of voices from the past, remind us that we can keep the spirit of Manfred alive... the spirit of life, faith, and love. Our ancestors searched for these things on the prairie, and found them in the soils that became Manfred.

Those are the things that I remember of Manfred. I invite you to share your special memories of Manfred. Just write them down and send them the old-fashioned way to P.O. Box 218, Harvey ND 58341, or the new-fangled way by E-Mail and we will include them in a future newsletter.

The spirit of Manfred...

the spirit of life, faith, and love



*From left to right:
The author Pam, with her parents
Vern and Bernice Nelson, and two
of her brothers Vernon and Warren*

Photo provided by Pam Norstedt



MANFRED TRADE TOKENS

By Russ Hornbacher

Manfred, North Dakota, in its colorful history, had nine known merchants that issued various trade merchant tokens that were used in place of money. Tokens were generally brass or aluminum, but were also made of other metals and such materials as plastic and fiber. They generally were 5 cents, but could be any denomination from 1/2 cents to \$25.

The name of the store or owner was printed on them, and usually the name of the town as well. Here is an explanation of terminology and the markings used to describe what is written on the tokens. The / slash means that there is a break in the wordage on the token to another line. So a / means that another line occurs. Two slashes // means that one side is finished and to turn the token over to start reading on the reverse side. I will spell out the other terms: Br = brass, Al = aluminum, mm = millimeter, c = cent sign, c/s = counter stamped.

I will use the television show, Little House on the Prairie, as an illustrated example of how trade tokens were used. A token salesman from Minneapolis, comes to see Mrs. Oleson about selling her some tokens for her store. Since she wants to keep her cash in her till to pay those she owes, she decides to have the Schaaf Token Co of Minneapolis, Minnesota, make tokens for her. She pays them \$35 cash for \$500 worth of tokens that are made of brass in the following shapes and amounts: a round 5-cent, a square 10-cent, a four-scalloped 25-cent, an octagonal 50-cent, and an eight-scalloped \$1. These were the standard sizes, amounts, and metal issued for a store's tokens.

Mrs. Oleson has her tokens now. Mrs. Ingalls comes in her store wanting to sell eggs to Mrs. Oleson. Mrs. Oleson offers her 15 cents in cash or 25 cents in tokens, that Mrs. Ingalls can ONLY redeem at her store. Therefore, Mrs. Oleson accomplishes the two main purposes tokens were used for in the years from territorial days to the end of WW II, when most tokens ceased being used. In the first place, she gets Mrs. Ingalls to take a quarter token, thereby ensuring that Mrs. Ingalls has to come back to her store to redeem the token. If the token is lost, or the business changes hands, the store is out NO money. Secondly, Mrs. Oleson has kept her cash for her creditors, not given any cash to her customers. Since Mrs. Ingalls generally ONLY shops at Mrs. Oleson's store, she takes the quarter token willingly. So does Charles who, when he buys a plow that costs \$3.50 with a \$5 dollar gold piece, receives \$2 back from Nels Oleson in change in tokens, instead of the normal \$1.50 in cash. That is what happened at Manfred's businesses too, when they used tokens. Trade merchant tokens were a good way of bartering in a relatively cashless pioneer society.

You will find below a complete list of the known tokens of Manfred, North Dakota. If any of you know of others, please let me know. I edit the North Dakota Trade Merchant Token book and would like to add any more known Manfred tokens to the next book revision. I hope you enjoyed this article. If you are interested in more information about merchant trade tokens or want to sell me tokens, please feel free to contact me, Russ Hornbacher, at either coinguy@stellarnet.com or Box 188, Fessenden, North Dakota 58438. Thank you.

Manfred Merchant Trade Tokens Compiled by Russ Hornbacher

- 1) Hanson & Halvorsen / Gen'l / Mdse / and / Hardware / Manfred, N.D. // Good For / 5 c / In Merchandise. It is a round, aluminum, 20 mm token.
- 2) Manfred / Pool Hall / A.A. / Breyer // Good For / 5 c / In Trade. It is a round, brass, 21 mm token used by Anton A Breyer from 1933 - 1949 as per Dun & Bradstreet listing.
- 3) K. Gilbertson / Manfred, / N.D. // Good For / One Tune / 5 c / In Trade. It is a round, brass, 21 mm token which is the standard size, shape and metal for most of North Dakota's tokens.
- 4) Nennie / Johnson / Manfred, / N.D. // Good For / 5 c / In Trade. It is a round, aluminum, 22 mm token used by Nennie Johnson from 1912 to 1942 as per Dun & Bradstreet.
- 5) Manfred / Billiard / Room / Manfred, N.D. // Good For / 5 c / In Trade. It is a round, brass, 21 mm token.
- 6) C.C. Melby / Manfred, / N.D. // Good For / 25 c / In Merchandise. It is a 26 mm, round, aluminum token. There was a second token the same as above for \$1.00, round, aluminum, 33 mm token. The only Manfred, North Dakota merchant known, so far, to issue more than one denomination in his tokens.
- 7) Pioneer Cash Store / Manfred, / N.Dak. // Good For / 5 c / In / Merchandise. It is a round, aluminum, 20 mm token.
- 8) G. Reiter / Manfred, / N.D. // Good For / 5 c / In Trade. It was a brass, octagonal, 25 mm token used by George Reiter from 1927 - 1929 as per Dun & Bradstreet.
- 9) Roble & Hanson / 1-8-17 / (1 c/s) / Manfred, / N.D. // Good For / 25 c / in / Merchandise. It was a octagonal, brass, 27 mm token, one of only a few in North Dakota to ever put its date on it of January 8, 1917. It was also c/s counter stamped with a 1 on it, for a probable later single owner.

Accommodations and Restaurants Not Far From Manfred

LODGING

Fessenden ND 58438

AJ's Motel	401 Hwy 15	701-547-3893
Beiseker Mansion	1001 2 nd St NE	701-547-3411

Harvey ND 58341

Artos Motel	2289 Hwy 3 NE	701-324-4602
R & R Motel	936 Hwy 52 East	701-324-2271

Carrington ND 58421

Chieftain Motel	60 4 th Ave S	701-652-3131
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New Rockford ND 58356

Bison Lodge	222 1 st St S, Hwy 281	701-947-5947
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Rugby ND 58368

Econo Lodge	Hwy 2 East	701-776-5776
Hillman Inn & Campgnd	Hwy 2 West	701-776-5272
Hub Motel	Jct of Hwys 2 & 3	701-776-5833

CAMPING

Fessenden ND 58438

Farmer's Union Oil Co	Jct 15 & 5	701-547-3793
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Harvey ND 58341

Al's Trailer Court	2407 Bus. 52	701-324-2153
City of Harvey	W side Harvey, Hwy 3	Drive in \$6/8
Mack's Farm & RV	2346 Bus. 52	701-324-4627

Lone Tree Wild Life Management Area, 5 miles south of Harvey also has a nice camping area. No Services. Free. Follow the signs.

RESTAURANTS

Fessenden ND

Cabaret Supper Club	541 Hwy 15	701-547-3685
Main Street Café		701-547-3149
Rosa's Pizza	219 Harriet Ave N	701-547-3707
Steak House		

Harvey ND

Artos Supper Club	Hwy 3 & 52	701-324-2693
Hornbacher Café	116 8 th St E	701-324-4776
JW's Restaurant	Hwy 52 Bypass	701-324-4617
Pizza Ranch	721 Lincoln Ave	701-324-2332
Tastee Freez	609 Brewster St E	701-324-4423
Town & Country	Hwy 52 E	701-324-2260

Come Spend Some Time in the Area

Reminisce and tour the places of your youth

Sightsee Wells County Historic Sights:
Wells County Fair Grounds & Museum at Fessenden
Wells County Court House in Fessenden
Beiseker Mansion in Fessenden
Soo Line Steam Engine in Harvey
Hurd House near Hurdsville

See the buffalo roam near New Rockford

Visit the Manfred Days History Booth for Tour Brochures

*The Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. Board
wishes to extend a hearty welcome to everyone to come enjoy
Manfred Days for a fun and memorable experience.*

Wanda Melchert, President

Verna Bowers, Vice President

Pam Norstedt, Secretary/Treasurer

Perry Anderson, Director

Pete Anderson, Director

Rose Anderson, Director

Herbert Orustad, Director

Sharing Corner

The New Manfred Newsletter enables us all to share and learn about Manfred history together. Pictured in the December issue was a photo taken of a group of men who had taken a Farmers Union Elevator tour to St. Paul in 1949. Not all the people pictured have yet been identified. Thank you to Nellie Deede who has provided additional information.

MANFRED DAYS GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose of Manfred Days. To celebrate the history of the Manfred trade area. As a time for people to gather together who remember Manfred. To under gird the projects of MHP, Inc. for the benefit of Manfred history and preservation. To have fun!

Old-fashioned Theme. The theme for Manfred Days is old-fashioned... of how it was in earlier years. This will be reflected in the music, presence of animals, hayrack and buggies, vintage vehicles and farm implements, vintage attire, artifacts and Manfred memorabilia, food typical of earlier years, ice cream social, games, early crafts.

Registration. If you are able to do so, please register by June 1, 2001 using the enclosed reply form, thus enabling the Manfred Days committee to know approximately how many to expect for the various events. Come to the MHP, Inc. table/booth when you arrive to obtain your nametags and information packet. The MHP, Inc. booth will be staffed throughout the festivities for any needs or questions you may have.

Public Comforts. A big tent will in place for the Sunday festivities at Manfred, and also port-a-potties both days. The Emergency Medical Team from Fessenden will be on hand, as well as, Manfred Days staff to help you in any way.

Vintage Attire. Because of the old-fashioned nature of Manfred Days, everyone is encouraged to come dressed in vintage attire such as long dresses or skirts, vintage hats, vintage suits, bib overalls. Have fun putting together an outfit. Even a hat or a bow tie added to your regular clothes will add a fun touch.

Manfred Artifacts and Memorabilia. We will have a display of Manfred artifacts and memorabilia for both the Saturday evening banquet and also for Sunday afternoon at Manfred. You are invited to bring items you would like to show. At the banquet, they can serve as conversation centerpieces at your table.

Silent Auction. A silent auction will be held during Sunday afternoon. Individuals are invited to bring baked goods or special items to contribute for this auction, and businesses are invited to provide gift certificates. The proceeds will help pay for the expenses of Manfred Days.

Participation. Please consider this a personal invitation for you to participate in Manfred Days whether it is as a parade entry, with a booth, music or in volunteer help. Your help and participation will be greatly appreciated and will add much to the event. Also, if you would like to come to Manfred during the week prior to Manfred Days, we can use help preparing Manfred for the event. Please indicate your interests on the reply form.

Music Making. We hope to have the wonderful sounds of music filling the air throughout the Manfred Days festivities, either by instrument and by voice. There will be various opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate, either on their own or in a music jam session. A get-acquainted jam practice is scheduled for Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at Manfred. All are invited to participate, and please indicate your interest on the reply form.

Choir. All who would like to sing together as a choir are welcome to do so for the worship service on Sunday morning. Indicate your interest and your favorite hymn or choral piece on the reply form. Practice will be at 9:00 a.m., July 15.

Games. You won't want to miss watching or playing in the old-fashioned games such as the three-legged race, sack race, and drop the hanky. We plan to hold them right in the middle of town so everyone can watch the fun.

Keepsakes. What type remembrance would you be interested to buy of Manfred Days? Such as a mug, T-shirt, note cards, other?

Parade and Program. The more the merrier! Individuals, families, and businesses are all encouraged to have an entry in the parade. Have fun with it and be sure to display your family name or business. Watch for the Parade Registration sign when you arrive for Manfred Days on Sunday. The parade is planned for 1:30 p.m., line-up begins at 1:00 p.m. Register your entry on the enclosed form. The parade will include early modes of transportation such as horses and vintage vehicles, people wearing vintage clothing, & whatever old-fashioned fun you can dream up. Following the parade will be a program

Dance. More fun is planned with an old-time dance to take place Saturday evening in the Social Center, just down the hall from where the Dining Room at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Harvey. The broom dance and other mixers will add to the fun

Booths. The booths will add much to Manfred Days. We are seeking various booths regarding food, history, old-fashioned crafts, and your special talents. The Old-fashioned Manfred Day celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 15. If you can have your table/booth set up by this time that will be very fine, or come when you can. Please register on the enclosed form indicating your booth interest and a phone number we can reach you in order to make plans.

Photography. If photography is your interest, we could use your help in taking photos during the Manfred Days festivities especially using digital equipment. We have a digital camera that you can use. We would like help in two areas... a photographer who will roam and take photos of the various activities of Manfred Days, and someone who would serve as the photographer in a Photography Booth to take family group photos. Please indicate on the Volunteer line of the registration form your interest to help with this.

Self-guided Tours. Brochures will be available for a self-guided tour of Manfred and also for a driving tour to outlying points of interest relating to Manfred history. Information about the area cemeteries will be available. In Manfred, history displays will be set up in the location of where the early buildings once stood.

Wells County Museum Hours. The Wells County Museum contains a number of historical items from Manfred, which you may find quite interesting. Special hours have been set up for those attending Manfred Days: Saturday, July 14, 1:30-4:00 p.m. and Monday, July 16, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Gathering for Visits. A number of opportunities will be available for people to enjoy visiting together which include the meal times (breakfast buffets Saturday and Sunday mornings, the coffee times, catered meals), after the Saturday evening program, and also Sunday afternoon at the old-fashioned gathering at Manfred. Sunday evening could be another opportunity.

Lodging and Restaurants. There are a number of possibilities for lodging and camping in the region, which are listed for your convenience as well as, local restaurants.

Transportation. If you need a ride to the Manfred Days festivities, please indicate this on the registration form. Anyone who can help give people rides to the Manfred Days events, please indicate your interest on the Volunteer line of the registration form.

Parking. To help facilitate parking on Sunday, July 15, there will be smiling attendants helping you find a parking place. We will be sure to have some Handicap Parking.

Bad Weather Provision. In case there is a big rain on our 'parade' for Sunday afternoon, an alternate plan will be in place.

MANFRED DAYS REPLY FORM

Please complete this form and return to MHP, Inc., P.O. Box 321, Harvey ND 58341 by June 1, 2001 if possible.
 Mark each Manfred Days event you plan to attend, so we may have a count. Thank you.

Name(s) of those attending at it should appear on the name tag(s):

JULY 14

___ 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet. Pay at door. Come and go as you like. *Town and Country Restaurant, Hwy 52 E, Harvey*

___ 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Guided History Tour. *Manfred*

___ 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sabbath Day Worship Service followed by a fellowship dinner. Welcome!

Manfred Seventh Day Adventist Church, Rural Manfred

___ 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. History Presentations/Talks followed by coffee. *Vang Lutheran Church, Manfred*

___ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Choices: ___ Guided History Tour in Manfred, ___ Music Jam Practice Session,
 ___ Self-guided tour of the region, visit a cemetery, or other.

___ 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Celebrate Manfred Catered Banquet and Program. *St Cecelia Catholic Church Dining Room, Harvey*

Indicate your meat preference: ___ Roast Beef, ___ Sliced Turkey, ___ Some of both

\$10.00 per person \$ _____

\$5 age 9 and under \$ _____

Total for Banquet \$ _____

___ 9:00 p.m. Old-Time Dance. *St Cecelia Catholic Church Recreation Room, Harvey*

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___ 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service followed by Coffee. Welcome! *Vang Lutheran Church, Manfred*

___ 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Old-Fashioned Day of Celebration. *Manfred*

___ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Catered Picnic Dinner. \$5.00 per person. *Manfred*

Total for Picnic \$ _____

___ 5:00 p.m. and after. Location of Supper and Evening for visiting or music making to be announced.

TOTAL FOR BANQUET AND PICNIC \$ _____

INQUIRY

___ Wish to Participate in Manfred Days with Music. Instrument/voice. Name. _____

___ Participate in the Programs through skit/story/poem/music relevant to Manfred. Describe. _____

___ Will bring photos/history or artifacts/memorabilia to show for Manfred Day. Describe. _____

___ Participate with an old-fashioned Parade entry, Booth, or other. Name. _____

___ Volunteer. Describe. _____

___ Will bring something for the Silent Auction. Name. _____

___ Will bring a planted flower box to help decorate Manfred. I will bring it on Manfred Days to set out.

___ Participate in Choir. Favorite choral hymns I used to sing. Name. _____

___ Favorite old songs for sing-along at banquet program. Name. _____

___ Favorite foods I recall while living at Manfred. Name. _____

___ Will visit Wells County Historical Museum ___ Saturday, 1:30-4:00 ___ Monday, 11:00-3:00.

___ I want to come to the Manfred Days events, but will need a ride from Fessenden or Harvey.

___ Not certain at this time if I/we can attend, but will contact MHP, Inc. should I/we be able to come.

___ Unable to attend.

___ Enclosing poem/story/recipe/history/genealogy/photos stemming out of Manfred.

CONTRIBUTION TO MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION, INC.

___ Enclosed is a contribution for the benefit of Manfred to MHP, Inc.

___ I would like to visit with the MHP, Inc. board about property I have in Manfred.

Thank you kindly for your reply to Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.