



Lakeville Area Historical Society

Heritage Center, 20110 Holyoke Avenue, 952-985-4680

"In recognition of the responsibility to past and future generations, the mission of the Lakeville Area Historical Society shall be to document, collect, preserve and teach the history of the Lakeville area."

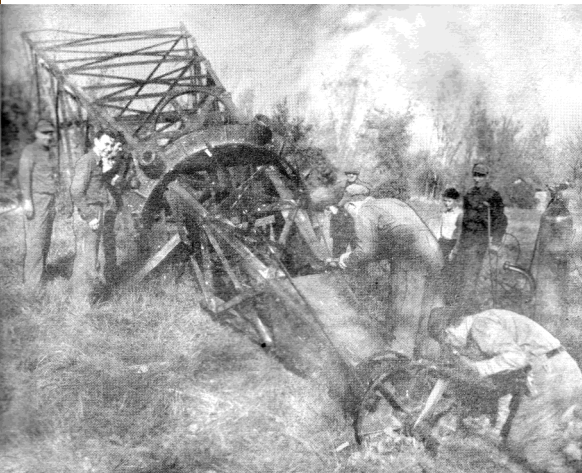
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The Past Revisited—July 24, 1942

Thursday of this week was the day that a deal to purchase Antlers Park, located on the east shore of Lake Marion, was closed by George Warweg of Farmington. The park encompassed 190 acres and was previously owned by John Lenihan of Lakeville. It was reported that Mr. Warweg would convert the park into a large trailer camp to house war-time workers.

That same year a newspaper article detailed the dismantling of the gigantic old aerial swing at Antler's Park. Since it came to the park from "Wonderland" in Minneapolis in 1912, it had been the center of amusement for many park visitors. After standing idle for several years, it would now be put to good use by Uncle Sam. Weighing 15 tons, it made a significant contribution to Lakeville's steadily growing scrap pile - now exceeding 200 tons.

The accompanying picture shows the actual demolition of the swing. Those assigned to the task were: Al Moes, Fred Blasek (with torch), Harold Moes, Kenneth Hullet, Charles Allard, George Warweg (Antler's Park owner), Don Larson, and Robert Brandl.



If you can identify the standing location of any of the people in this picture, please let us know.

WWII Weekend

If you're interested in learning more about WWII, plan to visit the 5th Annual Armed Forces Day WWII Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 17–18. The 70th anniversary of the Normandy Campaign will be celebrated on these days at Dakota City, located in Farmington on the Dakota County Fairgrounds.

Look for more details about this event in May's issue of "Heritage Happenings".

ONEBOOK, ONELAKEVILLE, 2014

The 2014 *OneBook, OneLakeville* program should be of interest to you history buffs. OneBook events will include:

- April 1** - 10:00 a.m.: Heritage Center book club discussion of *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline.
 - April 2** - 7:00 p.m.: Steve Glischinski, author of *Minnesota Railroads: A Photographic History*, will tell the story of the nation's most famous railroads—right here in Minnesota.
 - April 5** - 10:30 a.m.: OneBook Bingo - Fun for the entire family with chances to win fabulous book prizes!
 - April 10** - 7:00 p.m.: Author Renee Wendinger, daughter of an orphan train rider, shares stories from the largest migration of children ever to take place on American soil.
 - April 14** - 7:00 p.m.: Diane Stang, Supervisor of Dakota County Child Foster Care Licensing and Adoption, will present a program entitled *Foster Care: Then and Now*.
 - April 21** - 7:00 p.m.: Join representatives of Lakeville's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and library staff to learn how to explore your own family history.
 - April 26** - 7:00 p.m.: **OneBook Main Event** - An evening with Christina Baker Kline, author of *Orphan Train*. Enjoy music from Prudence Johnson and Friends, and refreshments.
- Free tickets are required.**

All events will be held at the Heritage Library in Lakeville with the exception of the April 1 book discussion at the Heritage Center. For more information, and to register for the main event, visit www.heritagelibraryfriends.com

APRIL LAHS Calendar

The LAHS display area at the Heritage Center will continue be open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The LAHS monthly Board meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 21st. All members are invited to attend.

