



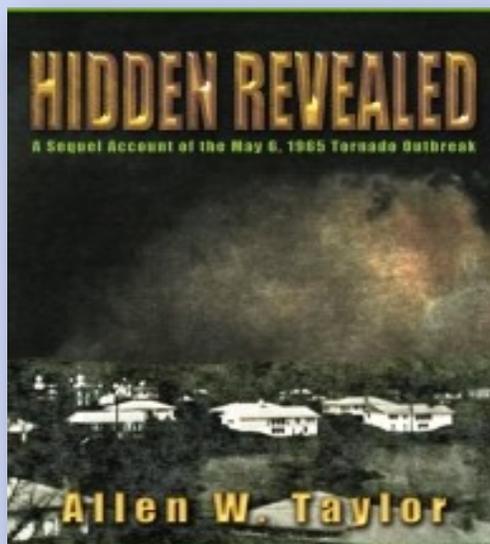
Deephaven Historical Society

Spring 2015

Please Join Us On Sunday, April 19th, at 1 p.m. at the Deephaven Village Hall for our Spring Presentation where we will cover two topics:



Harry Allen, who grew up in Deephaven, will speak about the 120th Birthday of the Cottagewood General Store. The general store was first opened in 1895 by Ralph and Stella Chapman who served local home owners and tourists that were staying around Lake Minnetonka. Hear the story of a building that had more than 22 owners. Facing demolition, in 1998 the building was saved by a neighborhood foundation.



Listen to Allen Taylor speak of one of the worst outbreak of tornadoes which hit Minnesota on May 6th, 1965. Lake Minnetonka and the Fridley area were severely damaged. Over 24 touchdowns were documented by the weather bureau and eye witness accounts. In his new book, *Hidden Revealed*, Allen Taylor continues the history of the 1965 tornado with personal stories of those who survived this storm which caused over 1 billion dollars in damage.

Coming Soon! The Deephaven Historical Society will go live with our website this Spring! Watch for it! Lend us or donate your old photos of Deephaven for our website. Call Barbara Sykora at 952-473-9539

DEEPHAVEN: LIFE IN THE 1940

FROM THE PAGES OF *THE DEEPHAVEN ARGUS*

January 5th, 1940 Argus: Construction work on the new city hall for Deephaven has begun and the foundation is nearly complete. If all goes well according to plan the city hall will be ready in June. The hall is being built on village property next to Lyman Lumbar Yards and will be paid out of the village funds. The building is to be a concrete block structure of colonial design 36 by 52 feet in size. It will have council chambers, an auditorium 35 by 39 feet, a kitchen and two washrooms. The basement will be used as a garage for village street equipment. The front of the building will have red Georgian brick. D.J. Parsons, architect of Minneapolis assisted the council in designing the building.

January 12th, 1940 Argus: the new rink on Deephaven Bay (St. Louis Bay) is now completed. It is located directly out from the swimming beach and the ice is in great condition.

January 26th, 1940 Argus: The Deephaven Park Improvement Association held a meeting at the Deephaven School Tuesday evening to discuss several matters of interest to residents of the community. Mayor DeLong was present to explain the proposed zoning ordinance and to answer questions that came up for considerable discussion on the problem of garbage disposal for Deephaven. The association, once a force in village affairs has been inactive for the last three years and is now being revived because there are many important problems dealing with civic improvement that such a group can solve. Anyone living in Deephaven is invited to attend. Officers of the association Ray Johnson, Morrie Johnson and E. J. Whittlesey.

Residents of Deephaven are invited to attend the second and final public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance for the village of Deephaven., which will be held at Deephaven School. The village council has been working on the ordinance for the past eight months. The ordinance in its present form will apply only to Deephaven Park and will not affect Vine Hill or Cottage-wood. The proposed ordinance provides for the division of the community in to three districts: residential, commercial and industrial.

February 16th, 1940 Argus: In Deephaven, work of installing new dial telephone service is almost completed according to Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. Work next week will start the process of the transfer from manual to dial operation, one telephone at a time. The cost of the entire project be around \$30,000. On February 1st installers started visiting each customer's home to change the present manual telephone to the dial type and also replacing wiring of each home. Customers will be given instructions

Regarding on how to use the new dial type phones and will be given a directory of Deephaven subscribers and their new phone numbers.. The location of the new central office is just west of Northome Avenue on Park Avenue.

March 22th, 1940 Argus: Harry Mason has operated the Deephaven Garage at Chowen's Corner for the past 27 years with the exception of two years in the service. When re returned, he built a new large garage where he today operates his business selling Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars and all makes of used cars. He services cars there and the garage is also home to Minnetonka Trailer.

April 12th, 1940 Argus: Just a reminder to drivers on Deephaven roads: the speed limit is 25 miles per hour on all roads except Minnetonka Boulevard where a 30 miles per hour speed is permitted. Village officials are not paid on any type of fee system and their salaries are the same whether they issue 50 fines for speeding of none at all. Their sole purpose is for all to drive safety and insist the speed laws be kept.

May 3rd, 1940 Argus: Clarence E. Laymen has been in the grocery business a long time. Clarence worked with his father, Isaac Laymen, who had a store which he opened in 1893 in Minneapolis. It was located near Cedar Avenue and Lake Street. In 1926 Clarence opened Layman's Deephaven Market at Chowen's Corner. When the Layman's opened the store, only business places at Chowen's Corner was Mason's Garage and the grocery store. Clarence enjoys performing magic tricks, reading Time Magazine and his favorite sport is football and never misses a Minnesota home game.



The summer theatre at Meadville begins its first series of summer productions the last week of May. A log barn owned by Harry G. Kuechle will house the theatre. A series of light sophisticated comedies will be presented with some professional actors and many local people with the urge to act will make up the casts. This group will present "Penny Wise" as the first in their series of plays and each play will be presented for six consecutive nights. Last Thursday night at the theatre was the scene of an old fashioned basket social. Each lady brought a picnic supper packed in a basket and it was auctioned off to the highest bidder. The proceeds will be used to further the theatre project. The stage of the theatre has already been built and there is a present capacity of 225. Tickets for the plays will be 40 cents and 85 cents for reserved seating.

August 23rd, 1940 Argus: The school board members decided a full term of Kindergarten for the Deephaven School last week. The school has had a kindergarten class in the past but conflicts arising through the large enrollment in the intermediate grades have interfered from time to time with its operation. Kindergarten classes will be conducted in the morning and a special bus will return the children to their homes at 11:30. The Kindergarten teacher will assist the Superintendent in the office during the afternoon.

October 18th, 1940 Argus: The old frame bridge spanning the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad tracks near the Lyman Lumber company in Cottagewood is due for renovation and widening. The approaches to the bridge will be straightened on both sides and will be made 20 feet wider, the Mayor declared. The slope leading to the bridge will also be graduated with a two foot fill. Work on the project will be started as soon as the Deephaven council approves its share of the improvements.

Mayor J. Bryon DeLong took offence to an article written in last Friday 's *Minneapolis Star Journal* reporting that Long Lake was the only rural village out of debt at the "Out of Debt" dinner that was held at Nicollet Hotel sponsored by the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association. 1300 representatives of Hennepin County's village and municipalities attended it. DeLong complained, "if only the man writing that article has only had the energy to check the facts". Deephaven is also a debt free village and has always been debt free since becoming a village in 1900. A retraction did appear in the *Star Journal*.

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