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This book is printed in conjunction with the celebration of the Battle Lake, Minnesota Centennial.

The first Centennial Committee, appointed by the city council on September 22, 1986, included Ivin Kelm, Kathy Morgan, Sonja Peterson, Sam Lykken and Jack Saunders. Present members are: Kathy Morgan, president; Bobbi Tamke, secretary; Sam Lykken, treasurer; Melanie Greene, Ron and Ginny Stabow, committee members.

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Centennial Committee. Seated: Bobbi Tamke, Kathy Morgan, Sam Lykken. Standing: Ron Stabnow, Ginny Stabnow, Sonja Peterson, Melanie Greene.

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ABOUT THE COVER

The Ojibwa, or Chippewa Indians used a number of designs and techniques in their beadwork. The decorative border on the cover typifies a floral-curvilinear design. Some of the common floral motifs include oak leaves, wild roses, grapevines, lillies and pine cones and a pomegranate shape that might also be a stylized acorn. Beadworkers each had a box of patterns cut from birch bark or later paper. The outline of the pattern was pricked in birch bark with a sharp fishbone and cut out with a knife. The patterns were then used on articles of clothing, bags, etc., for beadwork and embroidery.

Source: Minnesota History: Bureau of American Ethnology.

ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL LOGO

Logo Design: Eagle feathers were used in headdress worn by the bravest of Indian chiefs, sometimes tipped with laces of color. The arrows, made by the Plains Indians, had a short shaft and a long feather. The arrowheads, made of bone, wood and stone, had different shapes depending on the type of game to be hunted.

Cover and Battle Lake Logo designed by Kay (Kochmann) Spanswick.





Bert McAteer on load at right.

Courtesy of Grace Anderson

Tony McMichiel on the field where they took out ice earlier in the winter. The ice was about 16" thick, but the ice plow cuts through 12" and the remaining four inches was not strong enough to hold the team. Mr. Hahn was alone at the time and was unable to get them out of the water. The horses were taken out of the lake Tuesday morning, and the harnesses recovered. The loss was a substantial one to Mr. Hahn, the team being a valuable one, but it is reported that Mr. McMichiel paid half the cost of a new team.

Tony McMichiel was a caring man, and it is said that he told Dell not to grieve, as they should not have any trouble finding some horses that would fit the collars which were recovered.

January 21, 1932, Gust Ramberg, the village



Bert McAteer home about 1905. Mrs. Jennie Moses, Mrs. Emma McAteer, Kenneth McAteer and Grace McAteer.

Courtesy of Grace Anderson

justice, with ponderous avoirdupois and benign dignity, befitting one who graces this exalted office, had gone down to the ice cutters and in walking from group to group, had, during an excited discussion concerning the exact degree of cold at that moment congealing the northwest ozone, stepped backward into open water. The sudden addition of his generous body to the waters of the lake had cracked the ice for rods around and splashed the waters into angry protest, as he floundered around vainly trying to regain his breath and firm the ice at the same time. They pulled him out and restored him to the bosom of his family safe and sound, albeit a trifle damp. That's all.

Edmund A. Everts

Edmund A. Everts, prominent pioneer businessman of Battle Lake, was born in Carroll County, IL, November 12, 1840, the son of Rezin and Sophronia (Preston) Everts. When the Preston family moved to Illinois from Massachusetts in 1835, part of the trip was in the first cars on the first railroad ever built in the United States.



Edmund A. Everts.

Courtesy of Tom Everts

The family came to Winona County, MN in 1855 where he met E. E. Corliss. They were Army comrades during the Civil War and remained life long friends. *Corliss reminisces* ". . . on the receipt of the news of the attack upon Fort Sumter, with fires of patriotism glowing in his breast, Edmund

Everts left the parental roof and enrolled himself among the brave defenders of our country's honor and flag . . . he took part in more than 20 battles . . . in which the old 2nd Regiment was engaged during its march to the sea. In none of these battles did he receive as much as a scratch. I always thought he lived a charmed life . . . he stayed until the last Rebel laid down his gun against the government; was present at the surrender of Lee and proudly marched up the broad streets of Washington with his great commander on that grand and glorious day in May, 1865 . . ."



Fred Everts, father of Ed and Tom - 1885.

Courtesy of Howard Olson

After four years of farming in Winona County following the war, he moved on June 1, 1871, to Otter Tail County and settled on a homestead in Section 27, in the Town of Everts, lying between the west end of Battle Lake and Silver Lake. It is interesting to note here that the town-

ship didn't get the name of Everts until 1879. In this immediate vicinity he finally acquired nearly a section of land which he farmed with great success for 10 years. After the building of the branch line of the N. P. Railroad west from Wadena, he rented out the farm and moved to Battle Lake, where he lived the rest of his life.

Edmund A. Everts was married August 26, 1866 to Rozilla Philura Hinkston, a native of Illinois. They were blessed with three children: Harry Sylvanus, Maie and Fred Austin. Edmund went into the lumber business in Battle Lake in 1881, and carried it on very successfully until his death.

He was a leading member of the Masonic fraternity and also of Everts Post No. 138 of the G. A. R. The Post flag was buried with him upon his death on March 9, 1915.



Everts Lumber about 1930. Sign on lamp post says "Keep to The Right".

Courtesy of Eveline Lykken

Hartshead Sir Ralph

April 12, 1957
April 25, 1970

Ralph, the mournful Bassett Hound owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Everts, is remembered for one or more of his escapades. He was one to check on the spring ice breakup, and thereby get marooned on an ice floe. He fell into wells, assorted holes, had difficulty climbing stairs because of his floppy ears, and especially liked to trot into town.

His sense of trespass was mighty, and his favorite target to temper was Percy, the milk man. Ralph, even though within the confines of the lumber yard, could sense the presence of Percy half a block away and he would begin his hazing bark. Just what it was that annoyed him, still is a mystery. He will be one dog long remembered in the animals of Battle Lake.



Ralph. Courtesy of Tom Everts



This house was built in 1882 by E. A. Everts. It was the first house in Battle Lake of any consequence. The lumber for this house was salvaged from the buildings at a railroad camp called "Southwick" a few miles east of Underwood. The Everts and the Thorstads have been the only occupants. It is now the residence of Myrtle Thorstad.

Courtesy of Tom Everts

In 1905, he took his son, Fred into the business with him. Fred's sons, Tom and Ed took the reins in 1954 and Tom's sons, John and Peter, great grandsons, are now continuing the same business.



Harry Everts, George Bates and Fred Everts about 1905.

Courtesy of Tom Everts

From Tom Everts' Notebook - Duck hunting brings to mind John Moses, an early day townsman, Civil War veteran and builder of an attractive Victorian style house in Battle Lake. Old John was said to have been able to live on his Civil War pension which was \$10 per month. Among other accomplishments he was a duck hunter of some note, but was a poor arithmetician. He was shooting at Second Silver Lake pass one morning using a double-barreled 10 ga. when 6 bluebills came along. He told, "I pulled on the right barrel and down came 3, then I let them have the left barrel and down came the other 4."

From Tom Everts' Notebook - G. Norman Christie lived a number of years in our town. He was a Boston emigre', and he may or may not have been a proper Bostonian but his Boston accent never left him. One day, he was sitting at the window at Everts Lumber office watching the world go



A panorama of Battle Lake, taken in the summer of 1906 from the window of the Hatch elevator.

Courtesy of Theone Pederson



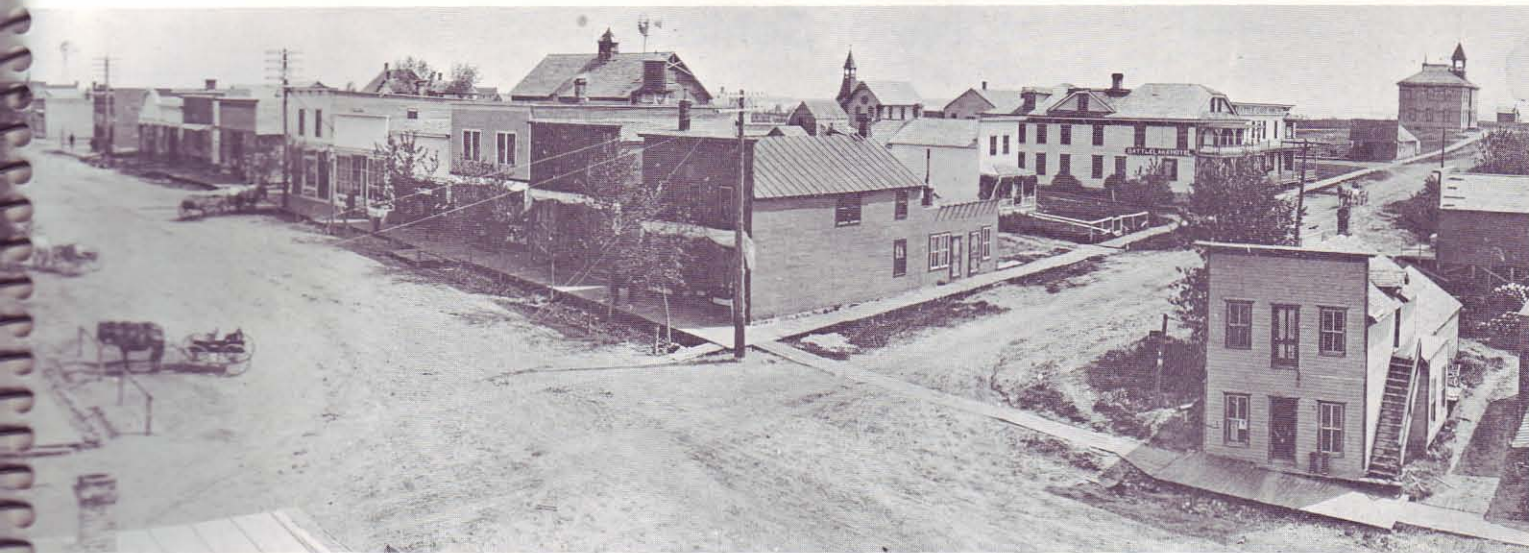
A panorama of Battle Lake, Minnesota, taken in the summer of 1906 from the upper window or top of the school house.

Courtesy of Theone Pederson



Lake Avenue from Hatch Elevator 1908. No cars, no women.

Courtesy of David Thoreson Collection



View of the NE from Hatch elevator 1908.

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