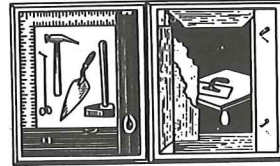


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LOCAL #1 APPRENTICES COMPETE

Local #1 contestants pose with BAC International President John J. Flynn (second from left) during a bricklayer apprentice completion in St. Louis. Shown (left to right) are Joshua Benson, Flynn, Scott Puffer, Stafano Follega and Craig Schulz. Please see story on Page 9.

Teachers, students settle into bright new Training Center

WHEN APPRENTICE BRICKLAYERS and tilesetters moved into their new Apprenticeship Training Center just after Christmas, teachers could see an immediate improvement in their morale.

"They were pretty impressed," said Apprenticeship Coordinator Mark Wickstrom. "It's more of a professional setting."

"It's a nicer building," said contractor Bill Dentinger. "Even the contractors like it more."

"The old building was pretty dilapidated," said Wickstrom said. Students had to pay for their own parking, and "it was often impossible to find a parking spot." Lighting was poor, the work space was broken up by large columns – the building had originally been a fire station – and construction materials had to be delivered

on the street and dragged in by hand. Overall, Wickstrom said, the arrangement was "pretty dreary."

After a solid year of looking for another space to house the bricklayer and tile trainees, directors of the BAC Apprentice and Journeyman Training Fund chose a space in St. Paul and allocated \$70,000 to make it into a school. Working over Christmas break, the contracting firm Adolphson & Peterson Construction gutted and rebuilt the space in about 21 days, so that post-holiday classes could start on time. The work was performed at cost.

Soon after the speedy renovation had been completed, Mike Cook, chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, wrote to thank A&P director Scott Weicht. "We appreciated the way you jumped into action when we requested your help coordinating the remodeling," Cook wrote. He particularly praised project planner Tom Dykhoff and superintendent Jack Webber. "The

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COMMENTARY

THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION produced budget cuts that will cause real pain to real people. While more than 70% of Minnesotans asked for a middle ground – some service cuts combined with some tax increases – Gov. Tim Pawlenty didn't budge. He stuck to his no-new-taxes pledge.

The result?

Property taxes and service fees are likely to go up. Services for children, the elderly, people with disabilities and families working their way off welfare will be affected. And our members are likely to be hurt by other changes:

- A 24% cut in funding for local governments will affect public safety and other city services in towns across Minnesota. Thousands of public employees may lose their jobs as a result.
- College and university students will pay more tuition. Rep. Doug Stang (R-Cold Spring) authored the House bill that cut state college and university funding by 15%.



- Transportation was sidetracked again. Pawlenty and House Republicans did not support long-term solutions to the state's deteriorating transportation system. Count on continued congested commutes and fewer, more expensive transit options.

- Legislators provided a little help for

Minnesota's unemployed and dislocated workers, but not nearly enough. The state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is broke, paying out nearly \$20 million a week to unemployed workers. A two-year increase in the dislocated worker tax was approved, but

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GARY GOBLIRSCH SAYS...

Legislature's cuts hurt workers

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- \$48.7 million for projects in the University of Minnesota system.
- \$59.7 million for projects in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
- \$20+ million for flood mitigation grants, environment and natural resource projects.
- \$30 million in arts projects.
- \$27.9 million for projects supervised by the Department of Transportation.
- \$31.4 million for projects supervised by the Department of Trade and Economic Development.



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Minnesota's working people did manage to hang onto workplace rights, but those rights are under attack. Threatened are public employees' collective bargaining rights and rights to strike, prevailing wage for construction workers, project labor agreements and open bidding laws.

PEOPLE

OBITUARY

Alex H. Ohman, 97, an 80-year member

Axel H. Ohman, a bricklayer whose contracting company built many Twin Cities landmarks, died June 19 at age 97. Ohman had been a member of BAC Local No. 1 for 80 years.

An immigrant from Sweden who spoke no English when he arrived in America at age 16, Ohman entered the trade in 1923.

"I tended bricklayers," Ohman told *Quarterly Update* in 1996. "But at noon, I'd hurry and eat my lunch in 10 minutes and then pick up the trowel. J. C. Nelson, who built North High School, saw I liked the work, and he sponsored my three-year apprenticeship. I got my journeyman card in May of 1926."

In 1939, he won the \$13,100 masonry contract on Mount Olivet Church. He remained a member of the church for the rest of his life, and served on the church's board of directors.



Axel Ohman

By the 1950s, Ohman was heading the biggest masonry construction firm in Minneapolis. Bricklayers employed by Axel H. Ohman, Inc., helped build the first Mayo Clinic building, then went on to work on the IDS building, Dayton's, the first store at Southdale, the Metropolitan Stadium, Camp McCoy and St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital. His construction company employed as many as 250 bricklayers at a time.

Ohman was active, as well, in the Swedish American Institute in Minneapolis, where he helped with fundraisers and served as a board member. In 1961, he was named Swede of the Year in a Svenskarnas Dag ceremony in which he was given a Pipestone peace pipe. Later that year, he and his wife traveled to Sweden, where he presented the pipe to King Gustav VI Adolf. Many trips to Sweden followed, and he donated money to build a community center in his hometown, Tible, in the province of Dalarna.

Survivors include his wife, Gudrun, daughters Betty Triliegi, of Golden Valley, and Carol Baron, of Edina, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We are sorry to report these deaths...



Chapter 1 Minnesota

Gilbert G. Boehmer
William Newburgh

Chapter 2 Minnesota

Raynold G. Bolstad
Axel H. Ohman

Chapter 13 Minnesota

Lester Benusa

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members...

Kyle R. Kvistberg
Warren B. Kvistberg
Amos B. Kvistberg



FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE LABOR NEWS in Minnesota, visit the Workday Minnesota Web site – a cooperative effort of the Labor Education Service at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota AFL-CIO.

Updated daily, the labor news service features information about union and workplace activities; in-depth articles on history, the economy and other topics; materials on labor for use in class-



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rooms; and links to many other sites. It also is interactive through a bulletin board on which readers can share information and viewpoints.

PEOPLE



Longtime members of BAC Chapter #8 – Rochester were honored June 6 at a Gold Card dinner at the Holiday Inn.

All attendees pose for a group photo.



Chapter #8 members receive awards. Left to right are Business Representative Mark Caron, Vice President Roger Buirge, completing apprentice Dean Baldner, retired Business Representative George Hepplemann, 50-year-member Christ Minske and Executive Vice President Jim Lundquist.

A 25-year pin was presented to Gary (Bud) Zick at the chapter meeting in Faribault June 2. Shown (left to right) are Vice President Mike Cook, Business Representative Mark Caron, Sergeant-at-Arms Zick, and Recording Secretary Bob Gustafson.



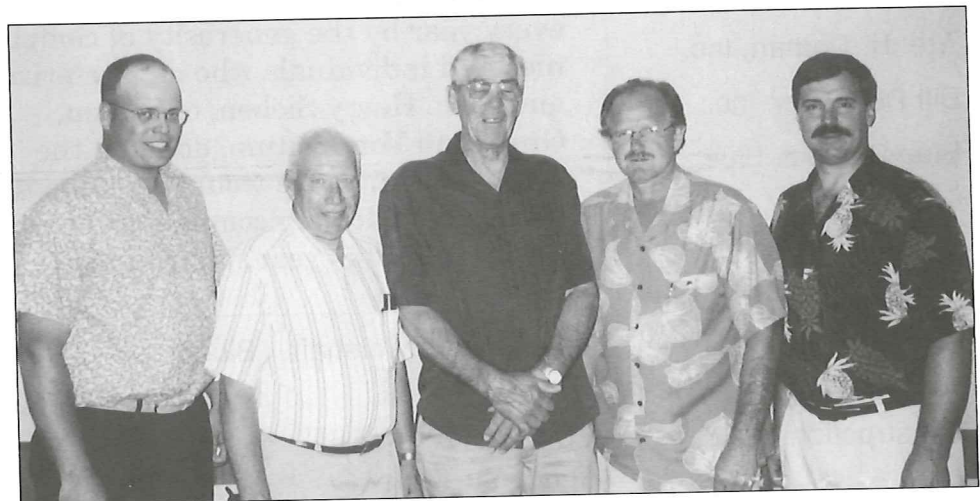
P E O P L E

Chapter #15 – Brainerd members were honored at a Gold Card dinner on June 21 at Breezy Point Resort.



50-year Gold Cards were awarded to members Donovan Westrum and Harold Johnson. Shown (left to right) are business representatives Mike Ganz, and Rodney Sletten, Westrum, Johnson, and business representatives Dick Kentzelman and Mike Hawthorne.

A 40-year Gold Card was awarded to Tom Pinkerton, center. Shown (left to right) are business representatives Mike Ganz and Rodney Sletten, Pinkerton, and business representatives Dick Kentzelman and Mike Hawthorne.



25-year Gold Cards were awarded to members Jack Schultz and Dan Nelson. Shown (left to right) are Mike Ganz, Rodney Sletten, Schultz, Nelson, Mike Hawthorne and Dick Kentzelman.



RECREATION



STARS ON THE LINKS

Winners of the 2003 BAC Local #1 Golf Tournament pose for a commemorative picture. Left to right, they are Dave Roe, Jim Carey, Mark Olive and Ed Kranz. The tournament was played Saturday, July 26, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club in Rogers, Minn.

Anchor Block – Dale Johnson

Anderson Agency – Shaun Irwin

Axel H. Ohman, Inc.

Bill Dentinger, Inc.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Brock-White Company

Construction Midwest, Inc.

Donald Frantz Construction

Esch Construction Supply

Hines & Sons, Inc.

Hollenback and Nelson, Inc.

International Masonry Institute

JAX Café

Kiffmeyer, Inc.

Knutson Construction

Langer Construction

Donors support Golf Tournament

The annual BAC Local #1 Golf Tournament is made a big success every year by the generosity of companies and individuals who donate prizes and cash. Harry Sieben, of Seiben, Grose and Von Holtum, donated the 2003 golf shirts. We would also like to thank the following companies for contributing to this year's tournament:

Larson, Allen, Weishair & Co.

Rob Malec – Minnesota Twins

Mairs and Powers

Marietta Investment Partners

Miller, O'Brien &

Bloom

Mortgages on Main, Inc.

Minnesota Building Trades Credit Union

Minnesota, Concrete & Masonry Contractors Assoc.

Northland Concrete & Masonry

Ochs Brick Company

OPUS Corp.

Pheasant Acres Golf Course

Pilot Capital

Segal Co.

SMARCA – Jim Bigham

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Zenith – Darrin Drosky & Tammie Lenius

Thank You!

WE APOLOGIZE

Steps are taken to deliver pension checks earlier



By James Lundquist
Executive Vice
President

ZENITH ADMINISTRATORS HAS RECEIVED several complaints about delays in delivery of August 2003 pension checks. We apologize for this inconvenience and have taken steps to mail your checks earlier to avoid this problem in the future.

You should also be aware that the Twin City Bricklayers Pension Fund provides you with the opportunity to deposit your pension check directly to your bank. About one-third of our retirees already have taken advantage of this convenience, and they are not experiencing any difficulties in receiving their pension deposits on time.

In early September, BAC Local #1 mailed out authorization forms that members can use to have their pension checks deposited directly to their bank accounts. You'll need to fill out the top part of the form yourself, then have your bank complete the second portion. Your bank must sign all forms before we can set up the electronic deposit.

When we receive the completed form, it will take approximately one month before your check will go into your bank account because Zenith must perform a test run before beginning direct deposit. Once the account is set up, you will receive a monthly statement to document that your check was deposited to your account.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Pension Office at 952-832-4090.

Dues deduction authorization sought

BAC Local #1 also will be asking members to consider having their local dues automatically deducted from their vacation pay account, rather than having to pay them over-the-counter. An authorization form for this convenience is available to members.

Under this system, members' dues would be deducted from their vacation funds once a year, and would equal 12 months of over-the-counter dues. Those who sign up in mid-year would have a prorated deduction. The accounting year will run Feb. 1 through Jan. 31, and annual deductions would occur each Feb. 1 until the authorization expires or is revoked.

Once a member has signed up for this, the authorization will automatically renew each year. The agreement can be revoked at any time up to 60 days before the next scheduled deduction.

About 1,300 members so far have signed up to participate in the dues-deduction program. It is available only to members who participate in the Twin City Bricklayers Vacation Fund.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

TRAINING: *An impressive location*

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Apprenticeship Committee thanks you for your donation to the industry.”

Located at 415 W. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, the new Apprentice Training Center provides 10,000 square feet of working space, compared to less than 5,000 in the previous location, 417 Broadway St., St. Paul. About 2,200 square feet are in the office and classroom; the remainder is all shop. Forty parking spaces lie behind the new building, and parking now is free. The large rear lot also allows contractors easy access for delivery of building materials, and there’s room out back to store the surplus.

“It’s got 10 times the quality,” Wickstrom said. “I’m highly impressed with this location.”

Money to pay for the renovation came from the BAC Apprentice and Journeyman Training Fund, which is funded by contractors at 10 cents an hour as part of the union contract. The Fund’s board of directors has three contractor members and three BAC Local #1 administrators. The contractors are Bill Dentinger III of Bill Dentinger, Inc., St. Paul; Rick Theisen of Donald Frantz Co., St. Louis Park, and Roger Kivela of Louhi & Kivela Masonry, Hibbing. Representing the union are Vice President Mike Cook, business representative and Vice President Mike Hawthorne, and Executive Vice president Jim Lundquist.

The Training Center graduated its first class in April –

33 bricklayers and 16 tilefinishers. This fall, 78 tile students and 115 bricklayer students will start classes. St. Paul College, part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system, accredits the classes.

Members of the teaching staff include Wickstrom, Dan Quinlan, David Mensing, Rod Schmidt, Rick Martagon, Kjel Shafer and Al Voigt.

Dentinger said the new space still is being renovated. “We’re not done yet,” he said. “There will be improvements made as we go. We just bought a forklift. Some classes will be added.” A dust collection system was just installed, Wickstrom said.

The space is leased, not owned, Dentinger said. “We can’t afford to buy our own building, so this was the next best thing.” The lease was written by Fund lawyers, he said, and “written to protect the Fund in such a way that they can’t kick us out early.”

Pre-Job training leads to a first job

Busy in the spring and busy in the fall, the Apprenticeship Training Center has been quiet over the past summer. A Pre-Job Program that usually ran during summer was not scheduled this year. It is the victim of an economy of too few jobs.

Pre-job training, lasting six weeks, takes people with little or no experience in bricklaying and tiling and gives them an intense, Monday-through-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. course in what Apprenticeship Coordinator Mark Wickstrom calls “the nuts and bolts of the trade.”

Students who complete the course get help in finding their first job.

The next Pre-Job class is expected to start in April 2004. Applications are being taken now. Those interested in attending an orientation should call Wickstrom at 651-558-2333.

Apprentices compete

Three bricklayer apprentices and one marble mason represented BAC Local #1 Minnesota at a regional apprentice competition held June 7 in St. Louis. Bricklayers Craig Schulz, Joshua Benson and Scott Puffer and marble mason Stefano Follega qualified for the regional meet by winning a local apprentice contest held May 17.

Retired instructors judged the contest; they were Merwin Perkins, Gerard Jenniges and Harold Stener. None of them placed at the St. Louis meet.



Four members of the BAC Apprentice and Journeyman Training Fund are shown with Apprenticeship Coordinator Mark Wickstrom (second from right) at the new Apprenticeship Training Center. Left to right, they are BAC Local #1 Executive Vice President Jim Lundquist, contractor Bill Dentinger, Vice President Mike Hawthorne, Wickstrom, and Vice President Mike Cook.



TRAINING CENTER: 'ORGANIZED CHAOS'

By Olene Bigelow, *Minnesota IMI Area Director*

WHEN 80 architects descend

on the BAC Local #1 training center, the result can resemble "organized chaos," and that's what it looked like Thursday, July 24.

During an all-afternoon seminar co-sponsored by IMI and BAC Local #1 Minnesota, members of AIA Minnesota circled through four activities where they were challenged to take the role of mason or contractor to solve a series of problems including plan details, specifications, tile setting and several brick and block hands-on work stations. A picnic dinner and demonstration of stone-carving followed.

The workshop offered design professionals new insights into masonry design, framed from the contractors' and masons' points of view.

They were taught detailing and construction, includ-

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ing overlooked masonry code requirements, masonry tolerances and flashing conditions.

Project architects, job captains, project managers, drafters, principals and interns were among those invited to attend. Participants received 2.5 hours of Health Safety and Welfare continuing education credits.

Response was very positive. In the words of one participant, "all instructors and assistants were great!"

Special thanks go to the staff and volunteers who helped guide the "students" along the way: Mark Wickstrom, apprenticeship and training coordinator; Jim Lundquist, Mike Cook and Mike Hawthorne, all of Local #1 Minnesota; Glen Resman, Laborers' apprenticeship assistant coordinator for Minnesota and North Dakota; contractor-representative Dan Simon, and contractors Steve Spraugel, Bill Dentinger III and Barry Blazevic.

The involvement of these key people was extremely valuable for the participants.



These busy participants in an all-afternoon seminar co-sponsored by IMI and BAC Local #1 Minnesota later enjoyed a picnic dinner and a demonstration of stone-carving.

BRIEFS

Trades to build this year's Ice Castle

TWIN CITIES' building trades will cooperate this winter on a building project as spectacular as it is temporary – the Winter Carnival Ice Castle.

Individual members are invited to help. BAC Local #1 is making a list of volunteers; those who want to participate should call 612-379-2966.

"We have proved to the local community and the city that we are an active participant in the civic pride of our community."

– **Dick Anfang**

Union trades have built two previous Winter Carnival castles, the most recent one in 1992. It became a star in broadcasts of that year's Super Bowl game.

This year's castle will coincide with the National Hockey League's All Star game at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, and will be located directly across the street from Xcel Center and St. Paul's Labor Center.

Dick Anfang, president of the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council and a member of the Winter Carnival Construction Team, said earlier ice castles had brought much favorable attention to the building trades.

"I believe we are still feeling the benefit of the ice castles," Anfang wrote in a letter to BAC Local #1 President Gary Goblirsch.

"We have proved to the local community and the city that we are an active participant in the civic pride of our community."

Ice Castle planning has been proceeding for more than a year, Anfang said. With plans laid for a portable ice rink, fire and waterfall exhibits, ice-cutting and hauling, electrical needs, painting, concrete/masonry and work for ironworkers, Anfang said, "literally all crafts will be needed to successfully complete this project."

Project workers and their families will be given the opportunity to use the large, heated corporate tent, and may participate in a grant opening parade like the one in 1992, Anfang said.

Workers also will receive a commemorative for their participation, and will be provided with meals on-site. Day and night teams will be used, and worker's compensation insurance will be provided.

Peterson Scholarship winner announced

Jennifer Posch, the daughter of BAC Local #1 member Steve Posch, was one of 18 union members' children chosen to receive a \$1,000 Bill Peterson Scholarship. Her selection was announced in May by Charles Groshens, co-chair of the Bill Peterson Scholarship Committee.

The scholarships, funded primarily through the annual Bill Peterson Golf Tournament, honor longtime Minnesota AFL-CIO leader Bill Peterson. Donations from friends, union locals and union councils also help support the fund.



Lee Ahlman benefit slated for Oct. 25

A benefit for Lee Ahlman will be held Oct. 25 at the Channel Inn in Warsaw, Minn. Ahlman, a bricklayer and member of BAC Local #1, was seriously injured in a car accident in early June. At this time, he is still unable to use his legs.

Ahlman's friends and family have organized the benefit, with Local #1 bricklayer Jay Voegelé and his wife, Michelle, serving as contact people. The benefit will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Channel Inn in Warsaw, near Faribault. Food and beverages will be provided.

Tickets at \$10 each may be purchased in advance by phoning Jay Voegelé at 507-210-0911, Mike Cook at 612-840-5892, or Mark Caron at 507-339-1745. Prizes will be raffled, with the grand prize being a shotgun donated by Ahlman's Gun Shop in Morristown. Winners need not be present to win.

Directions: from the Twin Cities, take I-35 to Faribault, exit 56. Go west on Minnesota Highway 60 four miles to County Road 13 (Farwell Avenue), then north approximately one mile to the Channel Inn.

Donations also can be made to the Lee Ahlman Benefit at any branch of Premier Bank Minnesota. Or mail contributions to account No. 331517397 at Premier Bank, 209 E. Main St., Owatonna, MN 55060.

K E E P I N G U P



CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

Retirees Club Meetings

9 a.m., Jax Cafe, Minneapolis
Sept. 25, Dec. 4

Chapter #1 – Minneapolis-St. Paul

7 p.m., main floor, 411 Main Street, St. Paul
Sept. 8, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 (Prom Center)

Chapter #3 – Duluth-Hibbing

Duluth: 7 p.m., Duluth Labor Center
Sept. 10, Dec. 10
Hibbing: 7 p.m., Electricians Hall
Nov. 12

Chapter #4 – St. Cloud

7 p.m., St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St. N.
Sept. 3, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.

Chapter #6 – Springfield-New Ulm

Springfield: 8 p.m., American Legion
Nov. 6

Chapter #8 – Rochester-Faribault

Rochester: 7 p.m., Rochester Labor Hall

BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL UNION #1 MINNESOTA

2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTES

√ *There will be no chapter meetings in October.*

Sept. 8, Dec. 1
Faribault: 7 p.m., VFW
Nov. 3

Chapter #11 – Mankato

7 p.m., Teamsters Hall
Sept. 2, Dec. 2

Chapter #15 – Brainerd-Bemidji

All meetings at 7 p.m.
Sept. 11 ñ Crookston, Northland Inn
Nov. 13 ñ Bemidji, American Legion
Dec. 11 ñ Brainerd, Eagles Club

Chapter #18 – Tilelayers

6 p.m., main floor, 411 Main Street, St. Paul

Sept. 9, Nov. 11, Dec. 8 (joint meeting with Chapter #1 at Prom Center)

OTHER EVENTS

Semiannual meetings for all chapters – statewide

312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis, second floor
10 a.m. Oct. 4

Executive Committee meeting

10 a.m. Oct. 3

Children's Christmas Party

9:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13
411 Main St., St. Paul

Gold Card Dinners (cards will be mailed)

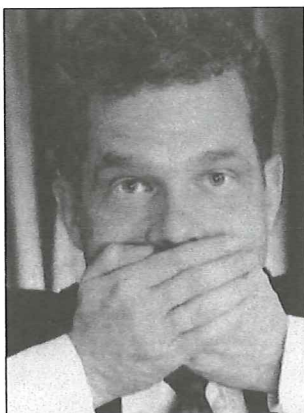
Chapter #3 – Duluth – Oct. 11
Holiday Inn, downtown Duluth

Chapter #3 – Hibbing-Virginia – Oct. 10

Knights of Columbus, Hibbing

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DEC. 13

Traditional party to be held in new location



Back by popular demand at this year's Children's Christmas Party will be last year's hit entertainer, ventriloquist James Wedgwood. The party will be held at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in a new location – 411 Main Street, St. Paul.

Members of all chapters are invited to bring their children and grandchildren for a magical show presented by this experienced entertainer and his mannequin "friends."

A visit from Santa is expected, too.



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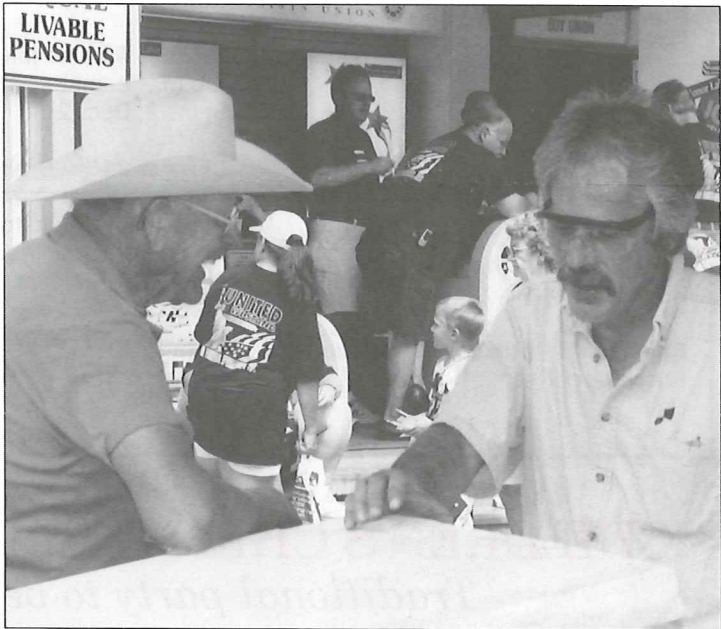
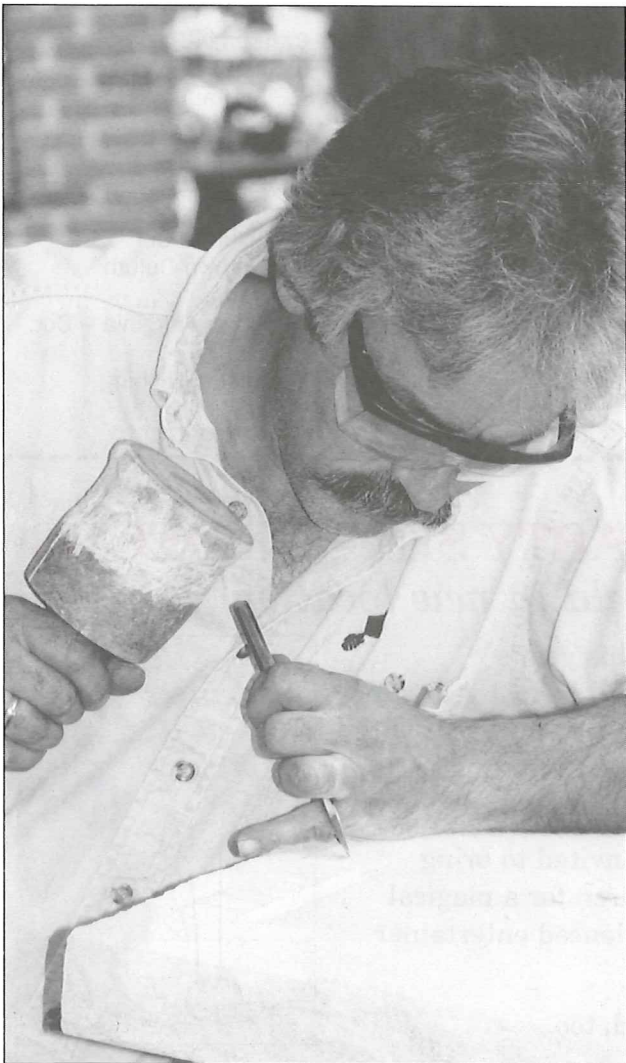
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STATE FAIR



SET IN STONE...Mark Wickstrom, BAC Local #1 apprenticeship coordinator, helped man the Bricklayers' booth at the Minnesota State Fair. Wickstrom, a European-trained stonecutter, carved these words: "Time was when the mystery and wonder of the handicrafts was well acknowledged by the world, when imagination and fancy mingled with all things created by man; and in those days all craftsmen were artists." The quotation is by William Morris, a 19th Century publisher and craftsman, who invented the Morris chair and helped found the Arts and Crafts movement. Jerome Pykoski of Hastings, a retired dairy farmer, watched Wickstrom at work and commented that stone carvings have been man's most permanent means of communication.