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South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center Exhibits Recent Donations

PIERRE, S.D. -- Select items recently donated to the museum and archives of the South Dakota State Historical Society are currently on display in the lobby of the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Some items the museum is displaying through the end of June include:

- a 1920s Eureka vacuum
- two pair of beaded moccasins from Lower Brule
- a decorated artillery shell from WWI,
- a cannonball from Fort Sully
- a 1910s bottle from Coughlin Dairy in Pierre
- a WPA first-aid kit
- a 1901 copy of L. Frank Baum's book *Dot and Tot*
- a 1980s Burlington Northern railroad hardhat used in Aberdeen's rail yard
- a 1920s Easter basket used by a family near Kaylor
- a 1990 Mickelson campaign sign
- a certificate of congratulations to a Forestburg High School graduate from U.S. Sen. George McGovern
- a headlight lantern that was likely used on the train run by the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Railroad Co. during construction of the railroad bridge over the Missouri River between Pierre and Fort Pierre.

State Archives recent donations include:

- 8mm film footage from Kadoka circa 1950s
- a German *Gebetbuch* (prayer book) with family genealogical material
- a child's sixth-grade scrapbook project on South Dakota from 1949
- a 1937 sketch of the State Capitol
- a photo album of tourism stops in the Black Hills from 1926-1927
- a collection of Boys State publications and photos from the late 1960s
- an automobile postcard and dealer's license for the Hudson Motor Car Co. of Dell Rapids
- sheet music from the Sioux Falls Diamond Jubilee celebration in 1931
- a World War I-era diary and military papers of Charles L. Hyde of Pierre.

"The exhibit presents visitors with a sampling of recent donations, and helps show the wide variety of items that the museum and archives actively collect from across the state," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society. "The various items that the museum and archives have received are incredible, and the recent donation case is just a sampling of that."

To donate items to the South Dakota State Historical Society, contact Dan Brosz, curator of collections, at (605) 773-6013, or Matthew Reitzel, manuscript archivist, at (605) 773-3615.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism and State Development and strives to help the state meet the goals of the 2010 Initiative by enhancing history as a tool for economic development and cultural tourism. The society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.