

HISTORY II

Artifacts on display

BY FRANK S. KENNETT

There are six more artifacts made by the Old Copper Culture of the Late Archaic in today's photo and there is good news about them!

George P. Hoyt of Eau Galle read my earlier article about Indian copper artifacts found in Dunn County and the Hoyts called me at the museum in Wakanda Park. His father, Webster Hoyt, had put together a huge collection of arrowheads.

Did the Dunn County Historical Society want to see more copper points?

Soon we were examining an incredible collection of Indian artifacts including over two dozen hammered from masses of pure copper three thousand to five thousand years ago!

Hoyt has very generously agreed to loan these and a number of stone projectile points as well to your Society for five years!

With the exception of a few pieces all were found in Dunn County and especially around Eau Galle where Webster

Hoyt worked his farm.

The Dunn County Historical Society very warmly thanks Hoyt for making this wonderful loan and very soon you will be able to see these artifacts mounted in display drawers in the Early Period Room of the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum.

Dute Rompala and I have already mounted six points in a drawer and another four drawers will soon follow!

The artifacts in today's photo are five spear or projectile points and a crescent shaped knife. There are no arrowheads in the collection because the bow did not arrive in the Upper Midwest until 1,500 years after the Old Copper Culture faded away. The five bladed points shown include spear heads and dart points, these designed to be launched from a spear-thrower.

On the left is a dart point found in Eau Galle, four and seven eighths inches long, three quarters of an inch wide and weighing one and a half ounces. The tang is made in the partial wrap-around style.

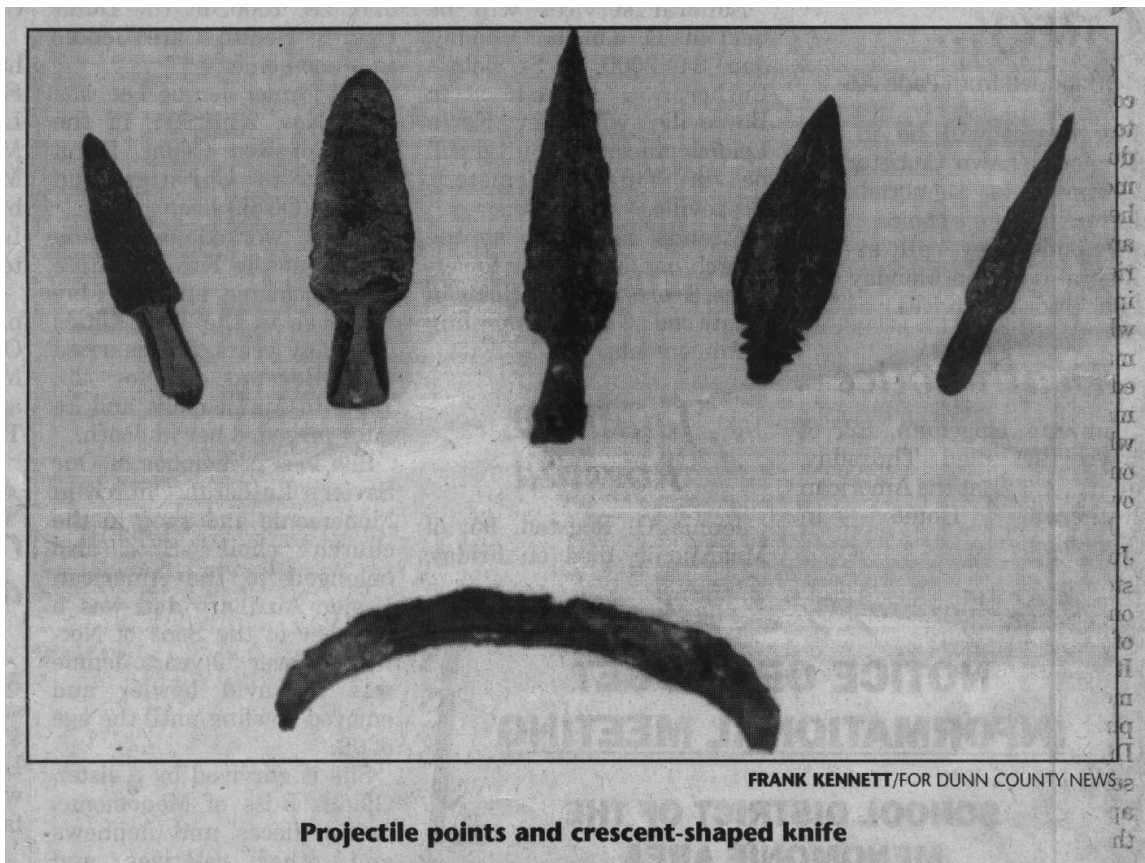
Second from the left is a large blade from Grant. It is six and a quarter inches long, one and a quarter inches wide and weighs three and a quarter ounces.

In the center is a spear from Rock Elm, fully eight inches long, partial wrap-around tang and one side of the blade has a central spine so that in cross section it is triangular.

Fourth from the left is a serrated base spear from Eau Galle in our county with a central spine on both sides so that in cross section it is "diamond" shaped. It is five and five eighths inches long.

On the right is another dart point, this one from Dunnville and five and five eighths inches in length. One side has a central spine or ridge and it weighs one ounce.

The crescent shaped knife! This was very likely part of a woman's toolkit and crescents are typical of Old Copper Culture knives. It measures five and a half inches in length, is three quarters of an inch wide and three sixteenths inch thick. Perhaps it was used to scrape and cut hides.



Projectile points and crescent-shaped knife

I want to thank George Hoyt again and say that I am very glad that he read the *Dunn County News* and called the DCHS at 232-8685!



DUNN COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

12 JANUARY 2000

ARTIFACTS ON LOAN

RECEIVED FROM MR. GEORGE HOYT, DUNN COUNTY
INDIAN ARTIFACTS, OLD COPPER CULTURE POINTS, TO
BE DISPLAYED IN THE EARLY PERIOD ROOM.

LENGTH OF LOAN IS TO BE FIVE YEARS, FROM
12 JANUARY 2000.

PHOTOGRAPHS & INVENTORY WILL BE PROVIDED
BY THE DCHS.

FOR THE DCHS -

Frank S. Kemelt
PRESIDENT, DCHS

Geo. P. Hoyt



DUNN COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

20 JANUARY 2000

DEAR GEORGE -

HERE IS A XEROX OF THE BIOGRAPHY OF YOUR FATHER, FROM THE 1925 HISTORY OF DUNN COUNTY. I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A COPY.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR LOANING THE OLD COPPER POINTS TO US! WE WILL BE MOUNTING THEM IN FOUR OR FIVE DRAWERS IN THE EARLY ROOM IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND I WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN THE EXHIBIT IS COMPLETED & YOU CAN COME SEE IT!

YOU HAVE AN ABSOLUTELY AMAZING COLLECTION OF POINTS AND IT MADE MY WEEK WHEN YOU BROUGHT THEM IN!

THANKS AGAIN!

Frank Kennett
PRESIDENT, DCHS

LYLE E. DeLONG

Lyle E. DeLong, 89, of Elmwood, was born May 30, 1910 and died Sunday January 30, 2000 at Myrtle Werth Hospital-Mayo Health System in Menomonie.

Lyle was born and raised in the Eau Galle area of Dunn County. He was a son of Adam and Fanny Belle Hoyt DeLong. Lyle married Arvilla York October 12, 1932. After marriage, they farmed in the Farm Hill area of Elmwood for two years before moving to the Rock Elm area in 1935, where they farmed. Arvilla died in 1961. Lyle married Wilhelmina Ginsbach October 13, 1962. In 1968, they purchased a farm in Spring Lake Township, and moved there until Willie's death in 1985. After her death, Lyle moved into the Village of Elmwood, where he had remained the rest of his life.

Lyle is survived by two daughters, Verlene (Francis) Traynor of Ellsworth, Sandra (Thomas) Pickerign of Eau Galle; one son, Anthony (Charlotte) of Menomonie; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Evelyn Gibson and Hazel Hall, both of Elmwood, Esther Lindstrom of Durand.

Special friends who cared for Lyle, which allowed him to stay in his home were Freeman Hoyt, Lois Garrett, and Gene Van.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Fanny Belle Hoyt DeLong; first and second wives, Arvilla York DeLong, and Wilhelmina Ginsbach DeLong; one daughter, Donis Dahl; twin great-granddaughters, Lakken and LaTori Harmon; two sisters, Edith DeLong and Lola Schultz; four brothers, Archie, Claude, Cyril, and Shirley.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday February 2, 2000 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elmwood, with Rev. Varkey Velickakathu officiating. Burial will be in Poplar Hill Cemetery-Rock Elm, rural Elmwood, in the spring. Arrangements by Rhiel Funeral Home, Elmwood.

NORMA J. McROBERTS

Norma J. McRoberts, 63, of rural Plum City, was born April 17, 1936, and died Sunday January 30, 2000 at Myrtle Werth Hospital-Mayo Health System in Menomonie.

Norma was born in Durand, a daughter of Elmer "Rube" and Myrtle Snider Smith. She grew up in the Weston area of Dunn County. She attended Elmwood High School. Norma married William McRoberts May 5, 1954 in Plainview, Minnesota. After marriage, they made their home in the Eau Galle area. Together, they owned and operated Exile Tavern ten years. Bill died in 1978, and Norma continued to operate the tavern until 1987. Norma later married Orville Abel. They later divorced. Norma remained living in the Exile community, enjoying her grandchildren, and being a loving mother.

Norma is survived by three daughters, Debby Weber (Jr. Kimmel) of Hastings, Minnesota, Peggy (Steve) Cameron, and Joanne (Rick) Hewitt, both of Plum City; two sons, Bill McRoberts of Elmwood, and Ed McRoberts of Plum City; 14 grandchildren; her mother, Myrtle Roetter of Durand; step mother, Della Smith of Spring Valley; five sisters, Barb Sperger of Durand, May DeLong and Karen Fredrickson, both of Plum City, Neva Hutter, and Carol Bignell, both of Arkansas; two step sisters, Connie Bauer of Pepin, Kay Strum of Spring Valley; one step brother, Augie Ziehl of Spring Valley; extended family, Marie McRoberts, and Mark Fredrickson; many nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer "Rube" Smith; her husband, William McRoberts; a step father, Ole Roetter; and one granddaughter, Carey Fredrickson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday February 3, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plum City, with Rev. Daniel Pfaffe officiating. Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Rhiel Funeral Home, Durand, and one hour prior to services at the church Thursday. Burial will be in Clearview Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements by Rhiel Funeral Home, Durand.

W. Hayt
Augusta
Mont.



Lieut. P. B. Hayt
Eau Claire
Wis.

R.R. 1, Box 23.

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Augusta, Mont, Sept 19, 1929

Dear Father:

Your letter came Saturday but was busy and couldn't answer until this morning Catherine and Donald are staying in Augusta so Donald can go to school. They come home Wednesdays and Saturday Fridays nights we only get our mail twice a week I would of finished my work this week but I run out of logs I guess I can get done next week. Mr. Culver wants me to build his cabin. if you think I had better go home before I start his cabin let me know right away. I want to stay at S. Haw a few days before I start back. I think I will stop at the Custer battle field on my way home. You spoke about the tractor being stuck you could loosen it in five minutes by taking a 2x4 or crobar and putting it in the fly wheel and prying there isn't one thing the

matter with it but I can look after
it when I get there.

be sure and let me know about
starting. it would take me two
weeks on Culvers cabin.

There was a bear killed about
1/2 mile from the house on Beavers creek
a week ago last Sunday, there are
lots of Bears all around here.

O. O. little sweetheart Buckle Mae
you didn't write and say if you got the
one dollar bill I sent you to get it or not,
I am sending a dime for you.

good bye from Uncle Rich.
your son Webster