

## Fitchburg Historical Society



HISTORY IS YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW  
September 2001

### MEETINGS

\* Saturday, October 6, Board of Directors Meeting, old city hall building, 10:30 A.M.

\* Sunday, October 7, "Talking Spirits", Forest Hill Cemetery, sponsored by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. World War I individuals portrayed. Guided walking tours leave every 15 minutes between 1 and 4 p.m. One of the spirits who will be talking is Marion Cranefield who has Fitchburg connections. \$5.00 admission.

\* Sunday, October 14, Fall Meeting of the Fitchburg Historical Society. See enclosed flyer for details.

Reminder: The Annual meeting of the FHS in February 2002 will be an encore of the our Show and Tell meeting of this year. Be prepared to bring in additional treasures or more pages of journals to read. This year's exhibits were all great!

### PARADE

The Fitchburg Historical Society participated in this year's "O Fitchburg Days Parade" with a float. The float included an early one room schoolhouse scene with Cathy Schneider as teacher and three Fitchburg youngsters as pupils. We also had our version of

Grant Wood's American Gothic, called "Fitchburg Gothic" with Richard and Marge Blaney portraying the famous pair. Bill Kinney was our able tractor driver with Carole Kinney and Janet Maves manning the water bottles on a hot, hot Sunday in August. Our thanks to the Oregon Area Historical Society for the loan of the costumes worn by the participants.

### DONATIONS

The family of Gerald and Margaret O'Brien has presented us with a memorial in honor of their parents. We accepted the donation with heartfelt thanks and our deepest sympathy. We have also received the record books of the Maple Corners School. These came from the family of Robert Purcell. Again, our thanks and our sympathy to the family.

### ARCHIVES

Our material in the archives has been growing with the addition of how to literature. This includes how to research the historical background of your home and how to care and preserve historic photos. Now that we have work space in the old city hall building we hope people will avail themselves of our collection.