



Comparison

After the steam engine train pulled into the Staples depot, BNSF police cleared the tracks as a regular BNSF train came in and stopped providing a comparative view for spectators and the crew of the new arrival as the engineer walked between the mammoth steel. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Peering

When you get a chance for a close-up look in your own hometown, the moment deserves scrutiny as four area youth examine the steam engine's massive wheels. On the tracks, the wheels were about six feet tall. The foursome

was part of the Kittelson family group who had the pleasure of looking at the steam engine as it stopped on the tracks in Staples. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Railfan's dream ride

John Miller of Denton, Tex., rode from Portland, Ore., to Minneapolis aboard the New York Central 3 railroad car behind the Southern Pacific 4449 steam engine. The private railroad car was built in 1928 for Harold Sterling Vanderbilt, who worked as a director of the railroad founded by his family three generations previously. A typical executive car of this grand era, such cars were called "private varnish" because of their varnished woodwork and exclusive uses; they served as traveling offices and hotels, and were used for railroad inspections as well as for personal travel and for business entertainment. Adlai Stevenson campaigned on NYC 3 in his 1956 campaign against President Eisenhower. The car is now operated in private charter service. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Double check

Steam billowed up to the SP 449's engineer's window as he continued to check on the service stop's progress. The train made the service stop July 9 in Staples on the way to Minneapolis during its Eastbound Excursion run. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Time to move on

With a hearty blow of the whistle and a build up of steam, the SP 449 prepared to pull away from the Staples depot following its service stop while

those lucky enough to be clued in just that morning scrambled for more pictures, unwilling to see it leave. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Reflections of bygone era

The Staples Depot can be seen reflected in the smooth silver side of one of the railway cars that were being pulled by the Southern Pacific "Daylight" No. 4449 steam engine as it passed through Staples Thursday, July 9. The engine was on its way from its home in Portland,

Ore., to a train festival in Owosso, Mich. The festival teamed up with the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (AAPRCO) to offer luxury seating and overnight packages and these are some of the cars. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



Next stop, Minneapolis

Spectators and passengers waved farewell to each other as the Southern Pacific "Daylight" No. 4449 pulled away from the Staples Depot July 9 after a brief stop for servicing. Passengers could purchase tickets for the whole trip from Portland, Ore., to Owosso, Mich.,

or for specific segments. Options included restored vintage railroad cars and Silver Fleet lounge and vista-dome cars. A return trip is planned from Minneapolis to Portland, Ore., October 13-20. For more information or to purchase a ticket see www.trainfestival2009.com

Looking Back

25 Years Ago - 1984

Four people survived a head-on collision on Highway 64 one mile north of Motley last Thursday and all were still in St. Cloud Hospital on Monday with head and other injuries. Members of the Motley Volunteer Fire Department and Staples Ambulance personnel extricated the victims from the wreckage at the scene. Listed in serious condition were: Susan

Peet, 21; Marietta Weeks, 31; Janet Weeks, 9; and, Harold Matthews, 2 1/2 years.

R. T. Carley, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the First American Bank of Casselton, N. D., has announced the election of R. J. Klinkhammer President and Director effective July 1. Mr. Klinkhammer has been vice-president in charge of operations at the bank. He is the son of Joe and Ruby Klinkhammer of

Staples.

Veterans of WW I Barracks 2503 and Auxiliary held their annual picnic on Friday, July 13. Martin Kowski offered his shady yard for the event. Following the picnic there was piano and violin music as well as singing. A raffle was held with all proceeds to go to Veterans in St. Cloud Hospital. Dorothy Duncan, secretary of the event stated, "Though each year our ages increases and attendance decreases, there is enthusiasm for a fun picnic and so a good time results."

Retirees of the Japke bowling team, Lanetta Engel, Harriet Dent, Twy Japke, Mary Scharf, Marge Hall, Marion Edwards and Irene Martin, all of Staples, and Gen Hall of Motley, met Monday, July 16 at Elaine Adamek's cottage on Lake Placid for their annual picnic and day of fun and games.

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Public Notices

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE DATA

(1) Street Address, city and ZIP code of mortgaged premises:
**24904 and 24908 -170th Street
Long Prairie, MN 56347**
(2) Transaction agent; resi-

dential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker:

Lender, Doug B. Junker
(3) Tax parcel identification number:
21-0022500
(4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):
Not applicable
(5) Name of mortgage originator:
Not Applicable

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50 Years Ago - 1959

Offered freshman scholarships at the University of Minnesota for the 1959-60 school year are Marjorie Erbe and Lynn Erbe of Staples. These scholarships are made up from gifts from alumni and friends of the University through the Greater University Fund, and are awarded to outstanding men and women graduates of Minnesota high schools. Marjorie and Lynn are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erbe. Marjorie is a 1958 graduate of Staples high school and Lynn is a 1959 graduate.

Mary Margaret Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Anderson, could be seen as happy when she stood on the deck of the Hamburg-Atlantic Lines Flagship, "SS Hanseatic" just before sailing from Manhattan bound for a two month study tour of the continent. Miss Anderson is a student of the University of Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson and Mrs. Minneapolis are the parents of a son, Gregory Allen, born July 11 at 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Lymond Johnson of Staples are the grandparents.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yeske was given the name of Gale Enid when she was baptized Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in her home. Reverend H. M. McCullough of Faith Lutheran Church officiated.

Ad: "Buy her Christmas Doll now...during Ben Franklin's Big Doll Lay-Away Event. A small amount down holds any doll...balance in easy payments. - She'll love this doll that drinks, wets, is life-like...is a fully jointed vinyl doll. Comes in pretty nylon dress, lace trimmed bonnet, taffeta slip, wee panties and knitted booties. - Only \$7.88."

REMINISCENCES: The doll ad above from 1959 reminded me of my first best friend forever, So Wee, my first doll. She was the special friend I talked to about my three older sisters and later, my younger sister and my brother. I must have had a lot to say because we were inseparable - except for the times I strapped on my

twin six-gun holsters and cowboy hat.

We used to play with my older sisters and their dolls. We all frolicked on the lawn where many photos were taken even one with all of us together outside splashing in a tub and laughing like crazy.

Later there were a few more dolls. There was a walking doll that I called "my walking doll" and a doll called "Little Miss Revlon" which can be purchased on E-bay for a small fortune. My last doll was a bridal doll which I creatively named "my bridal doll." It seems that only So Wee was my friend and she was so important to me that I have never forgotten her.

Something tells me that the world if full of doll friends whose names are still remembered and who actually helped raise their owners by teaching them how to be tender mothers and good friends.

To all of you who bore with me through today's reminiscences, thanks for taking this strange and meandering trip down memory lane with So Wee and me.