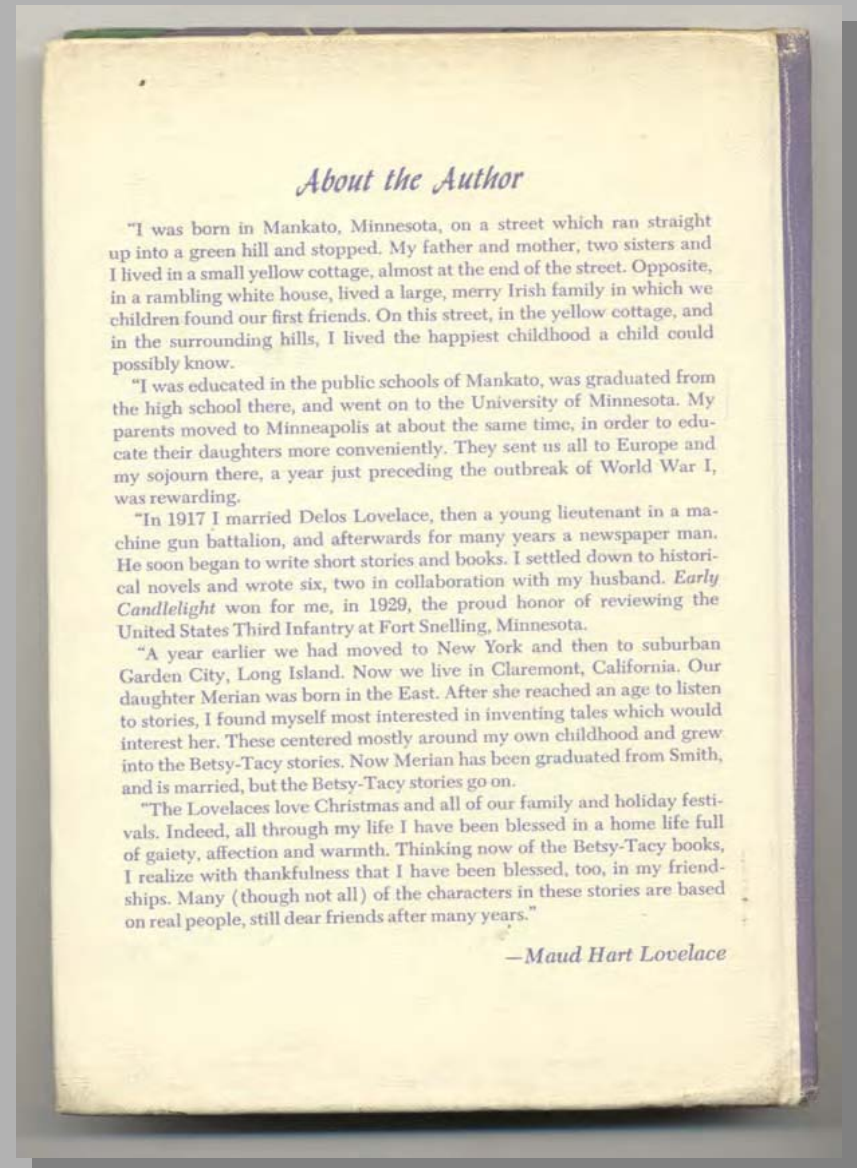
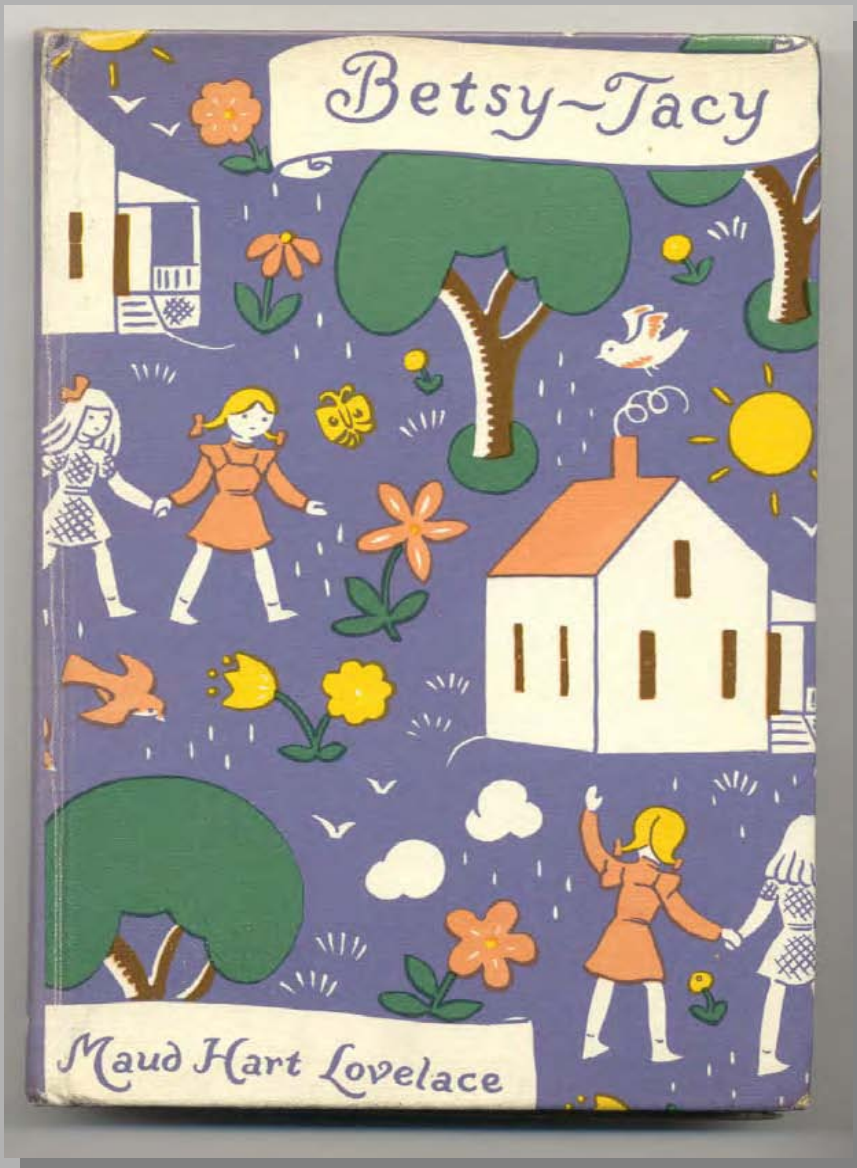


Betsy-Tacy was published in 1940 by the Thomas Y. Crowell Company in New York.



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six miles east of Mankato
the upper photo was Fred
The car in the lower
Mrs. Werner, Mrs. Werner
and brother. McNaughton
is driving. He pleaded not
as tried and found guilty.

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Real Estate Values Mount

Assessment Figures Show Gain of \$801,837 in Period of Two Years

Real estate values, including buildings, in Blue Earth county has increased \$801,837 during the two-year period between August, 1938 and August, 1940, according to the corrected property assessment figures in the office of County Auditor H. E. Lee.

The auditor's figures show the present true value of real estate and buildings in the county as \$51,450,862, of which \$16,131,490 is in the city of Mankato.

In 1938, the true value of real estate in the county stood at \$50,648,971 with the Mankato portion of the total amounting to \$15,884,208.

During the two-year period, unimproved land in the county increased in value from \$23,188,302 to \$23,339,852 while improved land values went up from \$17,460,668 to \$18,961,016.

Improved lands in the City of Mankato increased in value from a 1938 figure of \$13,889,136 to a present figure of \$14,956,801 while the value of unimproved land in the city dropped from \$2,651,072 to \$1,176,680.

While the total value of real estate in the county was mounting above the \$51,000,000 level, the average true valuation of an unimproved acre of county land went up from \$23.22 to \$23.42 during the two-year period.

Sportsmen's Club Will Meet Monday Evening

The placing of a screen across the outlet of Lake Washington to keep game fish from going downstream out of the lake, the sealing of river cut-offs this fall and the possibility of getting more conservation funds for developing fish and game in Blue Earth and surrounding counties are all on the docket for discussion when the Sportsmen's Club and Fish Conservation club of Mankato Lake hold its regular August meeting at the Madison Lake village hall at 8 o'clock Monday evening.

County Represented in 2 Booths at State Fair

Blue Earth county is represented in two booth exhibits on display at the Minnesota state fair, St. Paul, which opened today. L. A. Schwarz, Anby, is the sponsor of a county booth which has as its theme, "Mankato Is King in Blue Earth County." The Indian Lake Valley club booth, showing how a game refuge is established, represents county club work. The Indian Lake booth was first prize at the Blue Earth county fair at Garden City this month.

North Mankato Scouts Attending Rendezvous

Nine Scouts of North Mankato

Mankato Is Setting of New Book by Maud Lovelace

Even if Maud Hart Lovelace had not admitted on the jacket of her forthcoming book that Mankato is the setting of the story, Mankato would have known.

Because Front street still runs down to the Big Mill, where the whistle blows at noon, and those apples can still be found on the hills outside to w-si—although everyone grows up and so hardly anyone remembers how wonderful it all is.

Maud Lovelace, who once lived on a Mankato street which runs into a hill, remembered in New York City. And next Tuesday, "Betsy,

August Rainfall Above Average

All Night Rain Brings 1.09 Inches of Precipitation to 8:00 A. M.

An all-night rain plus light showers during the day Friday, had brought 1.09 inches of precipitation to the city by 8 o'clock this morning, swelling an already above-average August.



UNSETTLED

The weather bureau's forecast of continued showers and thunderstorms through today and Sunday. Warmer weather is due Sunday, the weatherman said.

The mercury Friday ranged from a high of 80 to a low of 52. It was the coldest day since May 27, when the mercury also failed to rise above the 60 level. A year ago, the range in the city was from a high of 78 to a low of 52.

BRIDGE AND GOLF BENEFIT PLANNED FOR RED CROSS

Women members of the Mankato Golf club and the Minnesota Golf club will stage a golf match and bridge contest Wednesday for benefit of the women workers' division of the Red Cross.

The qualifying round of the golf match will be held at the Minnesota course at 9 a. m., with the match slated for 1:30 p. m. at the Mankato Golf club. The bridge contest will be held at the Mankato Golf club at 2 p. m.

Both the golf and bridge contests are open to all women. Prizes will be awarded winners in both contests. Tickets for the affair will be

Tacy," which is an open sesame to their childhood for half of grown-up Mankato, will be published in New York.

It's a story written for young readers and it's a delightful children's story. But almost everyone whose childhood lies 20 to 60 years or more behind them, and who glances inside the cover, is going to keep on reading.

There is "fun" of all the preliminary inducement of trying to identify the people and the places mentioned in the book. And then there is a deeper pleasure, which is not restricted entirely to Mankato residents, of finding life written down exactly as it was once upon a time.

Nothing quite like this story has ever been written about Mankato before. And nothing before has ever revealed so clearly the Mankato way is a community with personality and charm.

Deep Valley is the name given Mankato in the story. And Center street, where Maud Hart Lovelace lived as a child, is Hill street. The map on the inside back and front covers shows how Center or Hill streets run to the end of the town.

But Front street and Pleasant street are two names which remain in Mankato. And the Pleasant Grove school, with a store nearby where penny candy is sold, is a recognition to us though it was named so by those who knew the school before it gave way to the Lincoln building.

And there's Page park with its white fence around it—which probably is Sibley park in the day before the fence was taken down. Someone can probably identify too the chocolate covered house, with a tower and stained glass windows, which stood on a corner of Pleasant street.

The two little girls in the story, Betsy, the daughter of a man who sells shoes, and Tacy, one of the children of an Irish father who sells sewing machines, live on Hill street in the story.

Maud, at a child, lived at 333 Center street. Her father, Thomas Hart, had a shoe store. The family of Patricia Kennedy, who sold sewing machines, lived at 209 Center street in that day.

To old-fashionedness older readers who open the covers of "Betsy-Tacy," the book will bring the realization that it's a story of a familiar day.

Only the grown-up readers will see Betsy's puffy hood and long wooden underwear, and the buffalo robe which kept the milkman warm in his wagon, as familiar objects. To the modern child, the book will have the flavor of "long, long ago."

Maud Lovelace has remembered little things about life at the turn of this century. Betsy, who made lovely articles out of her hair for her friend, wore her hair rolled on rags the night before her birthday party, the one she could have cut off, falling to live up to the court in connection with her action. The warrant issued by Judge Johnson.

Only Five or County B

Candidates Seek No for State Legislator in Primary

The non-partisan ballot Earth which voters in the primary elections 25, will be one of the an lots ever put up in a coup.

The ballot, proofs of r received from the printer Auditor H. E. Lee Friday, the names of early dates, all running for the two seats in the state from the eighth district.

All other county races three contests for seats o tried board and the officers court and probate judge treated no more than two not enough to make a p test necessary.

Two of the present Probate Judge John R. I. Clerk of Court Maud W. have no opposition in the tions.

The five running for ture, of which four will be final, include King of Mankato, H. W. Jay of Mankato William of Mankato, H. D. Hugh son to Mankato and G. H. lin of Lake Crystal, Inc.

Dates of Annual Teachers' Inst

Dates of the annual County Rural Teachers' have been tentatively a day and Wednesday, 28 and 27, this year. Mrs. H. county superintendent, a Harold Seaska, lectur state conservation depart ped to be among the institute here.

The state department e Conservation of nature will be stressed and d rural teachers in sugr able material on cons presentation in their schools.

Court Orders W'e Issued for Iva

A bench warrant was sued Friday afternoon Iva for contempt of a falling to live up to th the court in connection with her action. The wara dered issued by Judge Johnson.

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When Mankato author, Maud Hart Lovelace's book, **Betsy-Tacy** was released in 1940, her hometown newspaper printed a book review stating, "Even if Maud Hart Lovelace had not admitted on the jacket of her forthcoming book that Mankato is the setting of the story, Mankato would have known. Nothing quite like this story has ever been written about Mankato before. And nothing before has ever revealed so clearly the Mankato which is a community with personality and charm."

Certainly all of Mankato was interested in reading about the people and places mentioned in the book. One of those readers was Thomas C. Edwards.