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Above is one of seven pictures of Mari Sandoz taken in 1951 by the late portrait photographer Harold N. Hone of Madison, Wis. The Society has acquired these fine portraits through the cooperation of Mrs. Vivian Hone, Miss Pat Esch of Denver, Mrs. Caroline Pifer of Gordon and director Ellen Larson.



"By understanding this one drop of water, I hope to discover something of the nature of the ocean."

### MAY 11 IS TRIPLE GALA

Three significant events combine to make this year's May 11, Mari Sandoz Day in Nebraska, a major milestone.

This is the first year of Mari's eligibility to the Nebraska Hall of Fame, as March 10 was the tenth anniversary of her death. She has already been nominated for this honor.

May 11 is the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society.

Finally, May 11, 1976 is the date on which the Society will introduce the Quarter Section Club to raise money toward the \$1 million building to be constructed in her name.

### NEBRASKA HALL OF FAME

Prospects appear bright for Mari's election to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Marvin F. Kivett, secretary of the Hall of Fame Commission, has written that he will vote for her. He suggests that citizens and groups across the nation write letters of support to other members of the commission.

For your information there are eight persons already included in the Hall of Fame. They are: George W. Norris, Willa Cather, General John J. Pershing, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), William Jennings Bryan, Bess Streeter Aldrich and John G. Neihardt.

WILL YOU WRITE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES APPEAR BELOW? WILL YOU ALSO SHARE THIS REQUEST WITH ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG?

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### MARI SANDOZ DAY

The May 11 birthday celebration this year will preview in a small way some of the activities with which the Mari Sandoz Center for the Study of Man will be concerned.

Horticulturist Flora Sandoz has consented to present her excellent slide program, "Wild Flowers of Nebraska."

Journalist Ron Speer will present the first film and tape interviews of his current oral history project for Chadron State College.

CSC librarian David Tipton will offer a one-man photo



show. Educated in Kentucky and Indiana, Tipton speaks eloquently of photography as art. Feeling that "color is much misused," he says, "black and white is a much more dramatic form." A writer of poems and short stories, he claims that "a beautiful photograph is like a poem. Most people don't regard photography as a form of art — and that's sad."

Exhibits of the newly discovered Indian village site near Crawford will be featured, with Dr. Larry Agenbroad on hand to talk about the artifacts.

Corinne (Mrs. Larry) Tangeman will sing some of the old songs that were popular among the homesteaders.

A buffet dinner (\$4) and informal dance will round out the evening. For dinner reservations call 308-432-4451 or write the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebr. 69337.

### QUARTER SECTION CLUB

The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society will on May 11 enact a new "Homestead Act" whereby "settlers" can help build the Mari Sandoz Center for the Study of Man by buying a 40-acre, 80-acre or quarter section of "land."

In 1862, Congress passed the Homestead Act allowing settlers to pay a \$10 filing fee and meet certain other



provisions that would entitle them to 160 acres (a quarter section) "to have and to hold. . . ."

Council member Bill Colwell suggested we might do a land-office business by having our own Land Rush on the CSC campus during the Sandoz birthday celebration.

A "land office" will be open for business during the afternoon and evening festivities, and persons "filing a claim" will receive a special receipt to be exchanged for a "land patent certificate" when the pledge is fulfilled.

The Quarter Section Club is designed to function on several levels: anyone may donate or pledge any amount, or may pledge a "forty acres" (\$40), "eighty acres" (\$80) or any combination, to become members at \$160 of the Quarter Section Club.

Beyond that, the donor may contribute a "whole section" (\$640) and have his name engraved on a brass plate. Special recognition will be planned for anyone who wants to provide the "Home Place" with \$1 million.

For those readers who cannot attend the May 11 "Land Rush," a space is provided in this newsletter to make it easy to participate.

With the first \$15,000 to \$20,000, we can have the professional planning done. It is estimated that at today's prices, a building that will meet anticipated needs will cost \$1 million.

### SANDOZ COUNTRY TOUR

June 26 has been set for this year's Sandoz Country Tour. Age and illness and the hot Nebraska summers make many of us doubt that we can do another tour, but the time comes around and we know that to miss the tour would be to miss something special.

We are most fortunate once again that the family have decided to join with us to make this another unforgettable experience for Mari's admirers.

This year we will again concentrate on the country of **Old Jules**. This year, too, we will have a more leisurely tour with more time at each stop to visit with the Sandoz family members and to explore the places Mari wrote about.

Beginning with registration between 8:30 and 9:00, at the Chadron State College campus, the tour will end in Gordon with a dinner at which Scott Greenwell (see the Spring, 1975 **Heritage** for this scholar's article on the UN-L Mari Sandoz collection) will be our speaker.

Bring your own lunch, but plan on cold drinks being provided. Bring a copy of **Old Jules**, for the fun of tying together passages and geographical points.

Registration is \$5, which includes your dinner in Gordon. Write by June 18 to Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska 69337 or phone 308-432-4451 to make a tour and dinner reservation.

### MARI SANDOZ CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF MAN

Architectural students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln made models of proposed solutions to the challenge of a center on the Chadron State College campus to be named in honor of Mari Sandoz.

Homer Puderbaugh, chairman of the architecture department, and professors Bill Borner and Keith Sawyers flew to Chadron with Judy McDonald to see firsthand the two possible sites and to discuss the project with CSC President Edwin C. Nelson.

The students were actively assisted in their designing by several specialists; Ron Hull discussed his friendship with



Mari Sandoz, Scott Greenwell, University librarian working with the Sandoz manuscripts, described her philosophy to them, and Judy McDonald worked with individuals throughout the project.

Six of the models have been shown in several Western Nebraska communities. These will be displayed at Chadron State College on May 11, when the launching of the Quarter Section club will highlight Mari's birthday celebration.



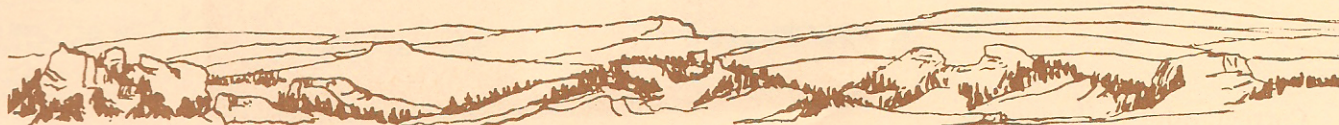
### HERITAGE NOTES

Death came to Fritz Sandoz, Mari's brother, December 29, 1975. He was 72 years, 4 months and 29 days old. Surviving children of Old Jules are Caroline Sandoz Pifer, Flora, James and Jules Sandoz.

The Society is saddened also to report the death of Everett Larson, who served on the council since its inception. A professor of English at Chadron State College, he passed away November 17, 1975.

In order to meet the needs of a growing organization, we are adding to our council structure people in the various communities of Western Nebraska, especially, who will serve as local representatives to handle publicity, hosting, etc. when something special is done by the Society in that community.

We are pleased to list the following volunteers: Gregg



Ostrander of Mitchell, Con Marshall of Sidney (the new editor of the Sidney **Telegraph**) and the Rev. Carl Malmgren of Arnold.

If you would like to be a local representative of the Society, drop a line to Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska 69337.

As all prices go up and our activities expand, the Society needs YOU more than ever.

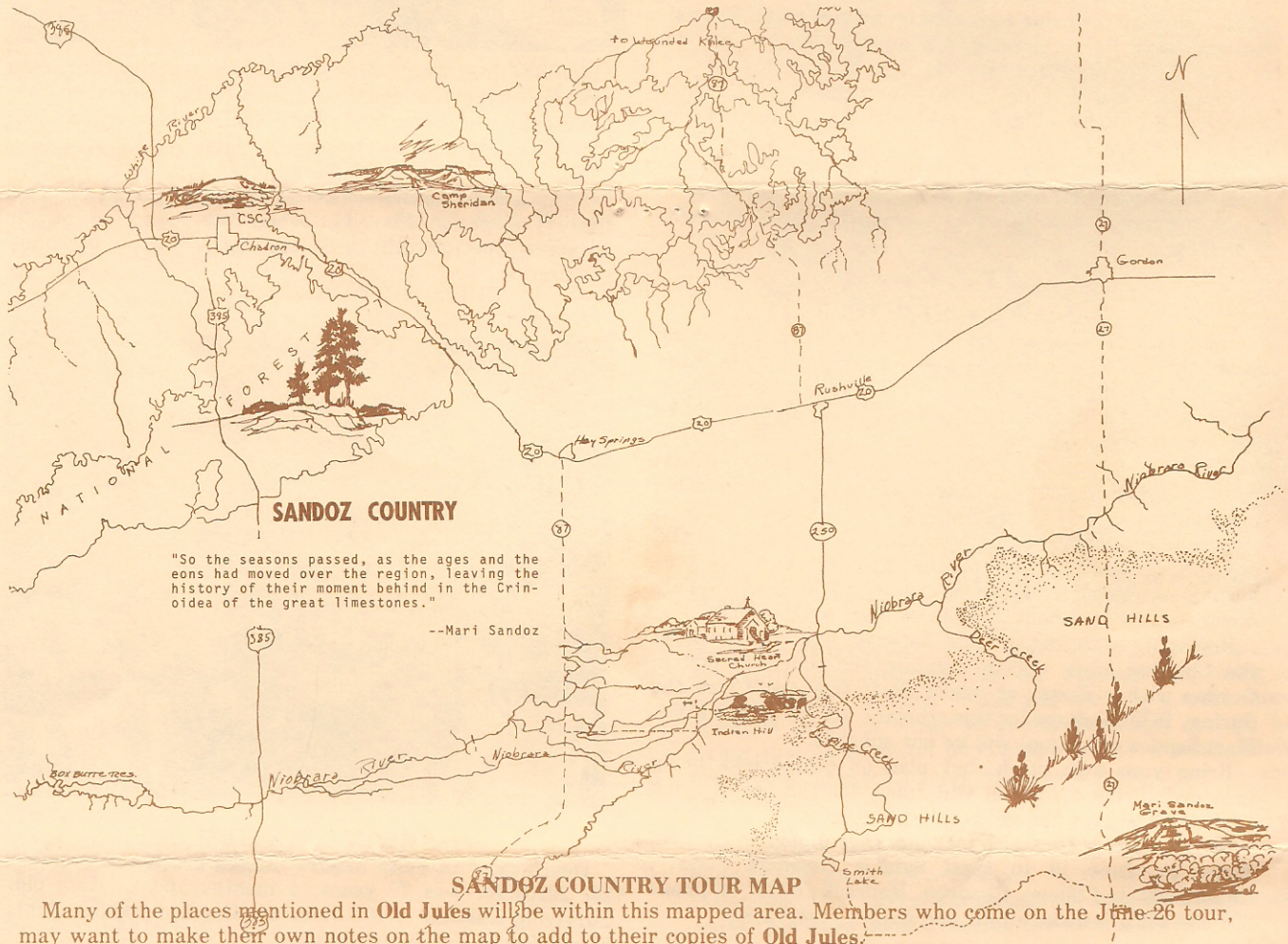
The membership year is from May 11 to May 11. If you can move from the \$4 annual membership to a sustaining \$10, please consider doing so. The \$4 hardly pays for the printing and mailing of the semiannual newsletter.

Most granting agencies require that their money be

matched with an equal amount from the recipient of the grant. Since most cultural activities are financed by grants in our times, it is imperative that the Society build up a fund from which we can match grant monies obtained.

Larger donations and bequests (delayed giving) are always welcome. Your attorney can advise you on the best way to make your gift. **ALL MEMBERSHIPS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND BEQUESTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

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