Pocket of Civility: A History of Sioux Center

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Repeating the Oriole’s song: an introduction -- The pioneers: why they came and where they came from -- The grasshopper years: German heritage -- Other facets of life in the seventies -- “Political” and other problems of early farmers -- From trading post to town -- Daily life on the farm -- 1900-1920: growing pains -- Economics of farming -- 1920-1940: feeling our way -- The worst of the weather -- Sioux Center during foreign wars -- Coming of age -- History of the healing arts -- Community sports yesterday and today -- Steps forward since 1950 -- A council for leisure: The Recreation and Arts Council -- Churches: First Reformed; Middleburg Reformed and Christian Reformed; Central Reformed; First Christian Reformed; Peace Lutheran; Carmel Reformed; Lebanon Christian Reformed; Netherlands Reformed; Bethel Christian Reformed; First Baptist Church; Covenant Christian Reformed -- Schools: Public schools; Christian School; Dordt College; Area IV Education and Recovery Agency -- Other clubs and organizations -- Recreational facilities -- Other items.

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Told from the vantage point of an older woman, looking back at the year when everything went wrong – and, sort of, right – in her life, this is the story of Katey Kontent, real name Katya,
the daughter of a Russian immigrant determined to make her fortune in Manhattan. Yes, you have to try to recover from her name which is so obviously “made for voiceover” that it’s painful. (Film rights are in negotiation.) In the opening chapter it’s 1966 and Katey’s at an exhibition looking at a picture of the man who changed everything for her: Tinker Grey. She is immediately trans

Civility is a social norm and a standard “of behavior… based on widely shared beliefs [about] how individual group members ought to behave in a given situation” (Fehr and Fischbacher, 2004, 185). Put differently, “A norm of civility defines the kinds of behavior that persons can rightfully expect from others” (Sinopoli, 1995, 613). Scholars agree that providing a settled definition of civility is all but impossible because, as Benson notes, the “communicative, rhetorical practices” of civility and incivility “are always situational and contestable” (2011, 22). Put differently, “[c]ivility in discourse is a matter of socially secured agreements to conform to the local culture….