

### **Civilian Conservation Corps presentation at Fort Ridgely Historic Site**

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was born out of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal at the height of the Great Depression. The CCC supplied jobs to more than 77,000 Minnesotans in need. Their work left a lasting legacy, visible today in Minnesota's thriving forests, state park amenities, and soil conservation practices. Barbara W. Sommer, author of Hard Work and a Good Deal – The Civilian Conservation Corps in Minnesota will be at Fort Ridgely Historic Site commissary on May 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to give a presentation about her new book. Barbara has been an oral historian for more than 25 years and has served as director or co-director for numerous oral history projects. She is the founder of the Oral History Association of Minnesota.

- Barbara's signed books will be available for sale the day of the program,
- Photos of the Fort Ridgely CCC Camp 2712 and Camp 2713 will also be on display in the commissary,
- IF you have CCC photos or a story to share please bring them to the program,
- Free will offering requested for this event.
- Sponsored by the Nicollet County Historical Society
- For more information contact the Fort Ridgely Historic Site, 507-426-7888; State Park Office, 507-426-7840 or Nicollet County Historical Society, 507-934-2160.