



Officed in the depot are (from left) Glenn Mannes, Sarah Mannes-Homstad and Sarah's husband, Gregg.

YANKTON Forbes Hall & the Milwaukee Depot

*Favorites of Glenn Mannes &
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GLENN MANNES and his daughter, Sarah, are South Dakota's only father-daughter team of architects so it seemed fair to allow them two favorites. They selected Forbes Hall on the old Yankton College campus and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot at 8th and Douglas.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons asked Glenn to plan the conversion of the YC campus to a minimum-security prison in the late 1980s. "All of the historic buildings have been restored and put to good use, but it took the pocketbook of the federal government to accomplish it," he says. "Even before I worked on it, I liked Forbes Hall because it is such a good representation of Prairie School architecture, which became popular with public buildings in the early 1900s. It was an outgrowth of Chicago School architecture."

Sarah says college campuses are interesting because "they grow [architecturally] through the decades, so the buildings are

a reflection of who was there at the time, serving as president or possibly a powerful trustee." Forbes was built in 1929, midway through a four-year construction boom on the Christian college campus.

Like many Yanktonians, Sarah has good memories of the college. "I played basketball at Nash Gym. We had Brownie meetings at Kingsbury Hall, and we attended theater productions in Forbes," she says.

The Manneses moved their offices to Yankton's brick railroad depot this year. Just a few blocks south of the YC campus, it also features Prairie School elements such as a wide overhang on a horizontal style. "It just so happened that the overhang gave protection to people waiting in the rain for a train," Glenn says.

The depot hasn't sheltered a passenger for many years, but trains still roll past the windows, and Milwaukee train memorabilia hangs among architectural drawings and tools.

