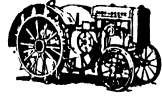


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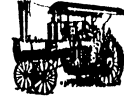
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope all is well with you and your family. I hope everybody had a very enjoyable and blessed Easter holiday. Spring is here in full force – the weather has been very pleasant and accommodating for outdoor activities. Speaking of outdoor activities, the annual Heritage Hill Spring Swap Meet is just around the corner. Friday and Saturday, April 16th & 17th, Heritage Hill will once again come alive with bartering, trading, wheeling and dealing, as collectors everywhere gather to discuss their common interests of collecting and restoring anything that has historical significance. As in the past the Swap Meet will be filled with good food and good conversation within the Thresher's Kitchen. Food service volunteers will be needed; please advise the Kitchen Committee if you are able to help. I am looking forward to another interesting and educational Swap Meet. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to visit with the members and guests throughout the Swap Meet 2-day event. The following weekend Heritage Hill will be present at the April 23rd & 24th Montevideo Xpo, located in the former Running Building, selling raffle tickets and baked goods. Please see the insert for further information. The bake sale has historically been a huge fundraiser for Heritage Hill. Your participation in the bake sale will be greatly appreciated.

One day at the end of March I was on the road heading to my next destination while listening to KDMA. It was a bright, sunny, windy mid-day morning. Lynn Kettelson and Linda Brekke were hosting a call-in show on the Linder Farm Network inviting area producers to report on field conditions. The calls were very interesting as some producers were harvesting corn, some were completing "fall" tillage, some were preparing the soil for planting and some producers, in extreme southern Minnesota, were seeding small grain – all in one day. Both Kettelson and Brekke commented that this was a "first" in all the years of their broadcasting career where they received reports of harvesting and seeding all happening in the same day - uncommon for today's farming practices, but not so uncommon 75 to 150 years ago. The farmers who called in were harvesting corn were from Pierz and Glenwood. Both reported that the moisture content was approximately 15%, the test weight was no different than last fall, and the stock breakage was little if any. Another huge change from years past – thanks to genetic modifications. In yesteryears fall corn harvest was mandatory as wet corn compounded with stock breakage and an unexpected early snow fall was a recipe for unprecedented losses.



Heritage Hill will be sponsoring "The Rack" again this year at the annual Swap Meet. Members who are so inclined are encouraged to donate unwanted items to Heritage Hill, which in turn will be sold by Heritage Hill as a fundraiser. This will also provide an opportunity for the membership to look around the show grounds for unwanted parts and equipment which can be sold – a "house-cleaning" of sorts. I was looking around my shed the other day for some unwanted items. Periodically, that is a good practice as it is amazing what you can "find", even though those old tucked away items were not "lost". Have a good spring season and hope to see you soon.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

HERITAGE HILL BAKE SALE:



The 2010 Bake Sale fundraiser is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, **April 23 & 24, 2010**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the former Runnings in Montevideo in conjunction with the 2010 Montevideo Xpo. Heritage Hill members are asked to donate baked good for this fundraising event. Please deliver your bake good by 9:00 am to Runnings on either bake sale date. Members who are unable to bring baked good are asked to make a \$20 cash donation toward the fundraiser. 2010 raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Volunteers are needed - anybody interested in helping with the fundraiser please contact Lola Dambrotten, 320-564-3852 or Joyce Bigaouette at 320-564-4132.

Thanks, Joyce Bigaouette & Lola Dambrotten, Co-chairs

THE RACK: Once again Heritage Hill will be hosting a hay rack available at the 2010 Swap Meet as an organizational fundraiser. Unwanted Heritage Hill items will be sold from the rack. Members are encouraged to donate unwanted items as well. If interested please contact one of the directors.

JACKET ORDER: Merlyn Hanson, Heritage Hill Merchandise Manager, is in process of ordering Heritage Hill jackets for members who may be interested. The Jackets are black with yellow Heritage Hill lettering on the back, with your first name on the front left. The deadline for ordering jackets is **May 1, 2010**. The cost of the jacket is \$55.00. If interested in ordering a jacket, please contact Merlyn Hanson at 320-269-6271 for details.

Thanks, Merlyn Hanson

PROFILE of AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Thanks are extended to Philip Thissen for submitting the following reprinted article from the Verndale Sun. The American agricultural producers and processors are credited for feeding the a large share of the world. Yet, the balance of food sources, the availability of food, and the appreciation for very low food costs are all too often taken for granted.

More than 3 million people farm or ranch in the United States. Individuals, family partnerships or family corporations operate almost 99% of US farms. Over 22 million people are employed in farm or farm-related jobs, including production agriculture, farm inputs, processing and marketing, and wholesale/retail sales. According to the 2002 Census of Agriculture, 50% of the farmers are 55 years of age or older, up only 3% from 1997. Average age of the principal operator is 55.3. 41% of US land area is farmland, 938.28 million acres. In 1900, the average farm size was 147 acres, compared to 441 acres today. The top 5 agricultural commodities are cattle/calves, dairy products, broilers, corn and soybeans. US farmers produce 46%, 41%, 20.5% and 13% of the world's supply of soybeans, corn, cotton and wheat, respectively. In 1960 one farmer supplied food for 25.8 persons in the United States; today on farmers supplies food for 144 people.

Farm equipment has evolved dramatically from the team of horses used in the early 1900's. Today's four-wheel drive tractors have the same power of 40 to 300 horses. This makes for a large capital investment, as farmers pay anywhere from \$97,000 for an average 160 horsepower tractor to \$170,000 for a four-wheel drive model. As the amount of mechanization and horsepower in farm machinery has increased, the time needed to complete tasks has decreased. Combines have dramatically changed agriculture. In the 1930's, before the machines were available, a farmer could harvest an average of 100 bushels of corn by hand in a nine-hour day. Today's combines can harvest 900 bushels of corn per hour – or 100 bushels of corn in less than 7 minutes. The efficiency of the U.S. farmer benefits the United States consumer in the pocketbook. Americans spend less on food than any other developed nation in the world. On average in 2004, Americans spent only 2% of their disposable income on meat and poultry, compared to 4.1% in 1970.

"The most peaceful thing in the world is plowing a field. Chances are you will do your best thinking that way." Harry S. Truman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: 265 VOLUNTEERS AND GROWING

Welcome is extended to the following new Heritage Hill members:

- *Margaret Martinson, Granite Falls*
- *Paul Golden, Danvers*
- *Paul & Peggy Hill, Dawson*
- *Greg and Cristine Thompson, Shoreview*
- *Larry & Peggy Danielson, Montevideo*
- *Earl Norman, Montevideo*



Invite a neighbor, friend, even a relative, who has interest in preserving agricultural history to become a Heritage Hill member. Annual membership fees are \$15.00 per individual and \$25.00 per family.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: March 15, 2010 Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montevideo Community Center.

Quorum: 58 members were present.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the February 15, 2010 membership meeting. Thank you and donation letters were read from the Roland Severson family. **M/S/P Les Bergquist/Gene Zeller** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the February financials. **M/S/P Floyd Kantan/Jim Roe** to approve.

- **Lunch Servers:** Thank you to the lunch servers for the meeting: Steve/Carmen Haugen, Wes/Dorraine Thompson, Denny/Beatrice Olson, Gene/Grace Zeller. Servers are still needed for May, July and August.
- **Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting Changes:** Due to Easter week church services the Directors' Meeting will be changed to March 25, 2010. Due to the Swap Meet the Membership Meeting will be held on April 13, 2010. Both meetings are scheduled 7:00 PM at Heritage Hill.
- **Tent:** A 40'x100' tent for the Threshing Show was reserved costing \$1,495.00 which includes delivery, set up and take down.
- **Binder:** President Thompson talked to Elmira Koch about the family donating the binder to Heritage Hill in memory of Lloyd Koch. She will contact us with their decision.
- **Pheasants Forever:** With a request to buy a load of corn from Heritage Hill the Directors voted unanimously to donate a load of corn for the feeding of the pheasants. This has been completed and has been advertised and acknowledged by Pheasants Forever, which was great publicity for the club.
- **Pedal Tractor:** Titan International will donate a Case/IH pedal tractor to be given away at the Threshing Show. They also volunteered to bring 2 new Case/IH Tractors for display at the show.
- **Ford Feature Tractor:** No one has come forward with a Ford tractor to be featured in the 2011 Show. Please let President Thompson know if you or someone else has a tractor to feature.
- **2010 Budget:** Treasurer Bergquist presented the 2010 budget which was sent to the membership in February. After a couple of questions about funds for advertising and the house project, M/S/P Wilbert Macziewski/Doug Norman to approve the budget.
- **Raffle Tickets:** See President Thompson if you need more tickets to sell. There was a good representation of club members at the Willmar Ag Show on March 8-9. A total of 223 tickets sold and two new memberships.
- **Jackets:** Merlyn Hanson will order more jackets if there is enough interest in them. The more we order the smaller the cost for everyone. See President Thompson if you are interested in ordering a jacket and the size you would require.
- **House:** Jim Roe reported on the progress of the house committee. They are getting bids from professional roofers to do the roof work. They are still looking at all the options for the siding. They will have a clean out day before the Swap Meet and will be putting some items on the club trailer for sale that day. The membership needs to decide on the era/period the house should represent. A vote will be taken at tonight's meeting. Starting in June there will be work days on Tuesday and Thursday if anyone would like to help on the renovations. All members are needed for this project. If anyone would like to design a specific room let the committee know. After the paper ballot voting was completed, it was decided the era would be 1940's to 1950s.
- **French Fries:** Gene Zeller presented a proposal to serve French fries at the Threshing Show, which was supported by the directors. He has contacted the Health Department and this would be possible with the only requirements that we have a floor which is fire proof such as steel or cement and a roof or tarp over top. The French fries would be served at the popcorn shack. The cost of a cooker is estimated at about \$850.00. Les Bergquist suggested that the club look into renting a fryer from the American Legion of Granite Falls for the first year to see how it goes before we purchase our own. M/S/P Steve Haugen/Richard Brown to rent the fryer for the first year.
- **Blacksmiths:** The blacksmiths we have had before will be unable to return due to health issues. President Thompson has procured the help of Dan Fust and Gene Sandau to share the time and duties in the blacksmith shop.
- **Swap Meet:** April 16-17 swap meet. Help will be needed to clean up the grounds and put the items for sale on the trailer. The work may be done on Monday and Tuesday of that week if the weather permits. If anyone wishes to add items to sell to the trailer the proceeds will belong to the club.
- **Kitchen Cabinets:** The cabinets are complete and waiting for the countertop in order to be finished.

- **Kitchen Help for swap meet:** Work sheets were passed for sign up to help in the kitchen during the swap meet. If you can help please contact the kitchen committee.

DIRECTOR MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: March 25, 2010, Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Hill.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Winter, Emch, Bangsund

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the March 4th directors' meeting. **M/S/P Zeller/Sellman** to approve the minutes.

There was no treasurer's report since the month has not yet ended.

- **Fire Extinguishers:** Ron Molde will check all the fire extinguishers in the buildings.
- **National Guard Obstacle Course:** President Thompson checked on having the course for the Threshing Show. They cannot reserve the course before 90 days previous to the event. He will check again after May 17.
- **Montevideo Community Center:** Reserved for December 11, 2011 Christmas party and the membership meetings for January, February and March 2011
- **Airplanes:** President Thompson has contacted Randy Larson concerning the flying of their planes during the Threshing Show. Randy has arranged for the Marshall Flyers Club to be at the show for all three days, weather permitting.
- **Rack for Swap Meet:** The Board of Directors will be in charge of selling things off the rack.
- **Barnaal Building:** M/S/P Bangsund/Sellman President Thompson will get estimates to have the building painted.
- **Whistleblower Policy:** M/S/P Kleene/Bangsund to resolve that the Heritage Hill directors have discussed the need for a written Whistleblower Policy, and since Heritage Hill has no paid employees, it has been deemed unnecessary to adopt a written Whistleblower Policy at this time.
- **Document Retention Policy:** M/S/P Bergquist/Winters to resolve that the Heritage Hill directors have discussed the need for a written Document Retention Policy, and since no documents are destroyed and no director or member is authorized to destroy documents, it has been deemed unnecessary to adopt a written Document Retention Policy at this time.
- **Thresher's Kitchen:** David Oleson has reserved the kitchen for June 5, and June 8, 2010.
- **Feature Tractor:** Marilyn Norman has submitted a letter of recommendation to have her 1959 971 Gold Demo Select- Speed tractor to be featured at the 2011 show. M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene to feature Marilyn Norman's tractor.
- **Kitchen Cabinets:** Glen Hilden has completed the cabinets and a group of directors will deliver them to HH on March 26th.
- **Fairbanks Morse Engine:** Thompson has a couple of members interested in being in charge of running the engine but it is not yet confirmed. Kleene will check to see if there are any air tanks that are available at this time and get estimates on the cost.
- **Hagen House:** Jim Roe presented the question whether the house should be painted or have vinyl siding installed. M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist that we put vinyl siding on the house since this was what was approved previously and budgeted for. They have secured bids for the roofing. The work will start as soon as the weather improves.
- **Stage Wiring:** There is a need to put in better wiring on the stage. M/S/P Bergquist/Bangsund to allocated \$500.00 to upgrade the wiring in the stage area.
- **Jackets:** Information will be included in the newsletter about ordering jackets.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – 7 pm</i>
<i>(April servers: Rachel Froland; Thorlen/Ardyce Berg; Wilbert/Betty Macziewski; Robert/Arvella Kellen)</i>	
<i>2010 Swap Meet</i>	<i>April 16 & 17, 2010</i>
<i>2010 Montevideo Xpo/Bake Sale – former Runnings Building, Montevideo</i>	<i>April 23 & 24, 2010</i>
<i>Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Thursday, May 6, 2010 – 7 pm</i>
<i>2010 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Case Tractors</i>	<i>August 20, 21, 22, 2010</i>
<i>Hosting the J.I. Case Collectors Association and Northland Case Collectors Club conventions</i>	
<i>2010 Christmas Party</i>	<i>Saturday, December 11, 2010 – 6 PM</i>

Thinking Outside the Box

1. How many three-cent stamps are in a dozen?
2. We celebrate the 4th of July in America. Does England have a 4th of July?
3. Why cannot a man living in Mobile, Alabama, be buried west of the Mississippi?
4. How many birthdays does the average man celebrate? _____ The average women? _____
5. It is -25° Fahrenheit. If you had only one match and entered a cabin with a kerosene lamp, an oil burner, and a wood stove, which would you light first?
6. Some months have 31 days, some have 30. How many have 28 days?
7. If a doctor gives you three pills, and he tells you to take one every half hour, how long will the pills last?
8. A ship standing in the locks extends 42 feet above the water line. The water rises in the locks at a rate of 6 feet a minute. After 3 minutes, how far does the ship extend above the water?
9. You are driving a bus. At the first stop you pick up 8 people, the second stop 9 people, the third stop 4 people get off, and you pick up 13 people at the next stop. How old is the bus driver?
10. I have two United States coins totaling 55 cents in my hand. One is *not* a nickel. What two coins am I holding?
11. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many does he have left?
12. Divide 30 by ½ and add ten. What is the answer?
13. An airplane flying from Germany to France crashed on the border. Where do they bury the survivors?
14. Two men playing checkers played 5 games. Each man won the same number of games with no ties. Explain.
15. There are 8 apples on the table and you take 2 away. How many do you have?
16. An archeologist claimed he found gold coins dated 46 B.C. Why is he not telling the truth?
17. A woman gives a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
18. How many animals of each species did Moses bring aboard the Ark?
19. Is it legal in Minnesota for a man to marry his widow's sister?
20. What four words appear on every denomination of United State money?
21. A man builds a house with four sides to it and it is rectangular in shape. Each side has a southern exposure. A big bear comes wandering by. What color is the bear?
22. How many outs are there in a baseball inning?

23. What word is misspelled in this test?

Answers: Go to the Heritage Hill website at www.heritagehill.us, click on the "Quiz Answers" button. Also, the answers will appear in the May 2010 Heritage Hill newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2010

Financial Statement: March 1, 2010

Internal Accounts

\$25,681.41	General Fund
\$1,123.39	Chapel Fund
\$481.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$10,403.85	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$15,137.20	Nordaune House
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$86,849.90	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$2,496.18	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$84,353.72	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$86,849.90	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Operating Statement

\$86,849.90 **Balance: March 1, 2010**

Donations

\$100.00	Barbara Nordaune
\$30.00	Roland Severson Memorial

RECEIPTS

\$4.00	Button Sales
\$130.00	Donations
\$67.30	Interest
\$109.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$280.00	Membership Dues
\$1,215.00	Raffle Tickets
\$1,805.30	TOTAL
\$84,608.44	Balance: March 31, 2010

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$246.79)	Electricity
(\$33.64)	Equipment Repair
(\$48.03)	Kitchen Project
(\$2,269.00)	Liability Insurance
(\$143.22)	Postage/Printing
(\$234.00)	Real Estate Taxes
(\$40.00)	Severson/Schneider Memorial
(\$190.00)	Swap Meet: Advertising
(\$542.08)	Swap Meet: Food
(\$300.00)	Website Annual Fee
(\$4,046.76)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: March 31, 2010

Internal Accounts

\$23,200.95	General Fund
\$1,123.39	Chapel Fund
\$590.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$10,403.85	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$15,267.20	Nordaune House
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$84,608.44	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$1,188.08	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$83,420.36	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$84,608.44	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

