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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Hope all is going well. A month ago when thinking about the Presidential Address, I was looking forward to April when I could comment about the dawning of spring and all the related spring activities. Well, I guess I over anticipated. March 21st and 22nd we received another blanket of wet heavy snow, followed by cold weather. Therefore there is still plenty of snow to melt. If I remember correctly, and it has been a while, the first snow of the season arrived the first week in November. Our traditional first-snow-of-the-season snow melt never occurred. So this winter has been long. Even though the river levels have significantly increased, so far no record setting flood event has been noted. The cold weather has slowed the thaw and for that we are grateful. The temperatures will be increasing soon, and when you receive this newsletter, I am hoping that it will be warm and sunny, and spring will have officially arrived. I keep joking with the Board of Directors that we may be wading through snow banks during the 2011 Heritage Hill Swap Meet. Well, I have quit joking. Unfortunately, that probability of snow at the Swap Meet increases, the later the winter persists. On a positive note, most vendors and buyers attending Swap Meets are conditioned to adverse weather. Matter of fact some vendors, usually those selling antique tractor and gas engine parts, welcome the wet muddy conditions. Many hold to the motto: "the worse the weather, the better the sales".

The 2011 Heritage Hill Bake Sale will be held again during the Montevideo Xpo, at the former Runnings Building on Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th. Thanks are extended to Joyce and Mark Bigaouette for co-chairing the event. Last year the bake sale was a huge success, so huge that bake goods were sold out early on Saturday. This year we have a special plea to all Heritage Hill members: **Please increase the amount of bake goods you plan to donate.** The public really enjoys buying the treats. The bake sale is a real compliment to the other exhibits. Spectators who come to the Xpo seem to enjoy visiting the various sales booths, and invariably stop for baked good upon their departure. Thanks to all HH members who help make this fundraiser a success.

Since the March newsletter, the annual Willmar Ag Show was held March 8th and 9th at the Willmar Civic Center. Representatives from Heritage Hill were present to promote the organization and to sell raffle tickets. Initially, Heritage Hill's booth was located in a space where the traffic flow was limited. After some rearrangements Heritage Hill's booth was relocated to the mainstream of the Ag Show, and soon the traffic to the booth increased. A total of 180 tickets were sold and the 2011 Threshing Show was rigorously promoted.

As indicated in the March newsletter, the need for an additional pole building at Heritage Hill has been discussed at the last couple board meeting. The idea was presented at the March membership meeting. Subsequently, the membership voted in favor of constructing a new pole building at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. In preparation for the March membership meeting, bids had been solicited by the board for all building costs, including the excavating, concrete, material costs, labor and wiring. The April 7th Directors' Meeting was rescheduled to March 28th as some of the bid quotes received were time sensitive and scheduled to expire at month end. Thanks are extended to the newly elected Pole Building Committee, consisting of Ron Molde, LuVerne Bangsund, and Vince Welling, who worked to summarize the respective bids. A combination of bids was accepted at the Directors' Meeting. Financing of the building was discussed. Initially, \$20,000 of the Wayne Ost Fund will be used for the project. The balance of will be borrowed from the bank. In the near future a fundraising project will be initiated with letters sent to the membership requesting donations. Donations when received will be used to off-set the loan. So far the board has received numerous positive comments regarding this project. Various members have also expressed interest in donating financially as well. As was decided at the membership meeting, any donation of \$100 or more will be recognized on a donation board to be placed in the new pole building upon completion.

Due to the never-ending adverse weather this past winter, the annual Heritage Hill elections were held over to the March membership meeting. Thanks are extended to Mick Sellman who is now retiring from the board. Congratulations are extended to Kevin Stegeman for being elected. Best wishes are extended to both individuals.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

SWAP MEET/THRESHERS KITCHEN – 2011

The annual Swap Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 15th and 16th, 2011. The Threshers' Kitchen will be open on Friday and Saturday starting at 7:00 a.m. serving breakfast. Members are needed to help serve meals in the kitchen; please contact Dorraine Thompson at 320-269-8470 if you are able to volunteer. As in past years members with last names that begin **A through L** are asked to bring a cookie sheet pan of uncut bars. Please deliver all bars on Friday. **Please bring the bars un-cut – the bars will be cut by the kitchen staff to ensure uniformity.** (M through Z will be asked to donate at the 2012 Swap Meet). *The Kitchen Committee.*

HERITAGE HILL BAKE SALE:



The 2011 Bake Sale fundraiser is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, **April 8 & 9, 2011**, 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 goods are asked to make a \$20 cash donation toward the fundraiser. 2011 raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Volunteers are needed - anybody interested in helping with the fundraiser please contact Joyce Bigaouette at 320-564-4132. *Thanks, Joyce & Mark Bigaouette, Co-chairs*

Raffle Ticket Sales: The 2011 Heritage Hill Raffle tickets have now been printed and are ready to sell. Please take an active role in selling raffle tickets. The annual raffle generates approximately \$4,000 in revenue for the organization – a great fundraiser for Heritage Hill. 2011 raffle prizes include: **First** – Mossberg International Silver Reserve 26-inch 12-gauge side-by-side shotgun with the Heritage Hill logo; **Second** – Old Log Theater/Country Inn and Suites hotel stay tickets-for-two package; **Third** - \$100 cash; **Fourth** - \$100 cash. Please see President Wesley Thompson for tickets and other details. **Thank you, The Directors**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: March 21, 2011 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Montevideo Community Center. Quorum of 60 members.

President Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes January 17, 2011 membership meeting minutes. M/S/P Mike Sellman/Les Bergquist to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the February Financials. M/S/P Mark Bigaouette/Ron Molde to approve the report.

- **Raffle Tickets:** Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets at the past events. There have been 426 tickets sold to this date totaling of \$2625.00. The approximate expense for the prizes is \$1100. Wesley Thompson has tickets available.
- **Montevideo Xpo:** A bake sale will be held and raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Joyce and Mark Bigaouette will be the bake sale co-chairs.
- **Elections:** Nominations were opened to the floor for the three Directors positions. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Glen Coon that the nominations cease. Nominations were opened to the floor for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. M/S/P Patty Kurtzbein/Jim Roe that the nominations cease. Nominations were opened to the floor for President. Pat Kurtzbein nominated Wesley Thompson. He accepted the nomination. M/S/P Denny Olson/Orlynn Hegna that nominations cease. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Mark Bigaouette that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. **Directors elected for 2011 were Ron Molde, Kevin Stegeman, and Eugene Zeller. Officers elected were President Wesley Thompson, Vice President Gerald Kleene, Secretary Marlys Heath, and Treasurer Leslie Bergquist.**
- **Budget:** Treasurer Bergquist presented the budget for 2011. M/S/P Glen Coon/LuVerne Bangsund to approve the budget as presented.
- **Granite Falls Saddle Club:** President Thompson was informed that the saddle club will not be available for parking and security at the 2010 Threshing Show. Contact board members if you know of any saddle clubs that would be interested in parking cars this year. It was decided that they would not be needed for security purposes.
- **New Building:** The board of directors proposed to present to the membership the need for a new building at HH to be used for storage and vendors. President Thompson presented quotes that he had received. The proposed cost would be \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 for a 40 foot X 72 foot building. He opened the floor to questions. **M/S/P Pat Kurtzbein/Mark Bigaouette to take a written vote to approve or disapprove the construction of the building. The results of the written vote was 48 yes and 11 no. Majority voted that there will be a new building. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Orlynn Hegna to appoint a Building Committee to coordinate the process and report to the board. Volunteers for the committee are Vince Welling, LuVerne Bangsund, and Ron Molde. M/S/P Denny Kurtzbein/Orlynn Hegna to budget not more than \$50,000.00 for the building. M/S/P Erik Haugen/Doug Norman that there will be a plaque mounted in the building listing the names of people donating \$100.00 or more toward the new building.**
- **Membership Meeting:** The April meeting will be held April 12th, one week early to accommodate the Swap Meet preparations.
- **Trailer for Swap:** Jim Roe is in charge of the trailer for the Swap Meet. Anyone wanting to donate items to HH to be sold on the trailer should contact him. Heritage Hill will receive the money from the items being sold.
- **Hagen House:** Jim Roe reported that work will start on the house in about 1 month or as soon as the weather permits.
- **Swap Meet:** April 15th and 16th. The Threshers' Kitchen needs workers. Members with the last names that begin with A through L are asked to bring a cookie sheet of uncut bars.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: March 28, 2011 – Ramona Bangsund, Acting Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Montevideo Country Kitchen.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Molde, Bergquist, Zeller, Winter, Kleene, Stegeman, Bangsund. *Absent* – Heath, Emch.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Secretary Ramona Bangsund read the March 4, 2011 Directors' Meeting minutes. M/S/P Zeller/Stegeman to approve the minutes.

Due to the early meeting date, the Treasurer's report was not available.

- **Ford/Fordson Collector's Banquet:** M/S/P to authorize the use of the Maynard Community Center at a cost of \$100 for the summer Ford/ Fordson Convention banquet.
- **Montevideo Chamber of Commerce:** M/S/P Molde/Winter to donate \$25 toward the Chamber sponsored Easter egg hunt.
- **McCormick/Deering Building:** \$1,300 was received from a 2010 wind damage insurance claim, most of which resulted from the damage to the McCormick-Deering building. M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene to authorize \$2,000 toward the steel siding purchase.
- **MAAPS:** Kleene will be attending the Minnesota Association of Antique Power Shows meeting hosted by the Anderson Rock Creek Relics scheduled for April 9, 2010. HH will be hosting the October 8th MAAPS meeting.
- **Montevideo Xpo:** The annual Heritage Hill bake sale will be held April 8th and 9th at the Montevideo Xpo, held in the old Runnings Building. Heritage Hill will be selling raffle tickets at the same time. Four 8 foot tables will be needed for the bake sale. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets as Wes Thompson will not be able to attend on April 9th.
- **Pole Building Committee:** The committee presented a summary of cost for the new building. M/S/P Bergquist/Winter accept the Don's Building Center, Kerkhoven bid for the building materials and labor totaling \$28,279. M/S/P Bergquist/Molde to accept J&J Concrete bid for the concrete floor totaling \$8,300. M/S/P Bangsund/Bergquist to accept the Ron Molde Electric, Inc. bid for wiring and 2 ceiling fans totaling \$2,330. M/S/P Bergquist/Zeller to allocate up to \$1,000 for excavating, including rental of equipment from 80th Aggregates, Maynard, MN. Additional incidental expense will be presented for approval as the need arises.
- **Pole Building Financing:** M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist to transfer \$20,000 from the Wayne Ost Fund to the new Pole Building Fund, and to borrow \$19,140 for the balance of the needed financing.
- **Hanson Building:** M/S/P Kleene/Zeller to transfer \$4,010.51 from the Wayne Ost Fund to the Hanson Building Fund to be used for needed repairs.
- **VAC Case:** Stegeman agreed to work with Steve Norman to repair the governor on the VAC Case mowing tractor as said repair is needed prior to the lawn mowing season.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Monday, April 12, 2011 – 7 pm</i>
<i>(April Servers: Rachel Froland/Wilbert/Betty Macziewski/Bob/Arvilla Kellen; Thorlen/Ardyce Berg)</i>	
<i>Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 7 PM</i>
<i>2011 Montevideo Xpo/Bake Sale – former Runnings Building, Montevideo</i>	<i>April 8 & 9, 2011</i>
<i>2011 Swap Meet</i>	<i>April 15 & 16, 2011</i>
<i>2011 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Ford/Fordson Tractors</i>	<i>August 19, 20 & 21, 2011</i>

Ford Tractor History

Thanks is extended to Dale Norman for gathering and submitting the following Ford Tractor History

THE EARLY YEARS. Henry Ford grew up on a farm near Dearborn, Michigan and as a boy learned how exhausting farm work would be. Later he considered how a small tractor might ease the farmer's workload. Mister Ford's hope was to develop a lightweight tractor at a low cost. In 1906, three years after Ford Motor was established, he began experimenting with a tractor called Auto-Plow, based on a 1904 Model B car. Twenty-four were built in 1907 to 1908, but they lacked power, dependability, and traction. By 1908, Ford was preoccupied with a new Model T production and it was not until the mid-teens that he would resume tractor experiments. He set up a separate operation in Dearborn to develop a tractor and transferred two people, production expert and engineer Eugene Farkas to the new facility.

A TRACTOR FROM SCRATCH. Ford built several units from Model T parts but these were unsuccessful. Farkas began working on a tractor from scratch. He used a 251.3 cubic inch four-cylinder engine from Hercules that ran at 1000 rpm. The engine started on gas and switched to less expensive kerosene when warm. The engine, transmission, and rear axle were heavy castings and bolted together to form a sturdy construction. From 1916 to 1917, prototypes were built. Meanwhile, Europe was aflame in World War I and Great Britain was under siege by Germany. British farming was in a perilous state as most able men and also horses were called to military service. On April 6, 1917, the United States entered the war and Lord Northcliffe came to Dearborn and pleaded, "we need a tractor and your's is the best we can get". With that Ford approved the tractor and on June 18, 1917 he accepted an order for 6000 tractors from the British Ministry of Munitions or M.O.M. On October 8, 1917, production of the M.O. M. tractor began in Dearborn. It took only six months to complete the 6000 unit contract.

THE FORDSON IS BORN. In April 1918, production of a domestic version of the Fordson began. During 1918, the company sold 34,167 Fordsons, displacing International Harvester Company as number one tractor producer. In 1919, 57,290 tractors were built. Production peaked to 104,166 in 1925. IHC regained the number one spot in 1927, mostly due to high sales of the Farmall tractor. A total of 750,000 Fordson tractors were built there from 1929 to 1945 when the tractors were redesigned.

TEAMING UP TO BUILD FORD-FERGUSON TRACTOR. Harry Ferguson from Ireland was experimenting with tractor designs in the 1920's and 1930's. The Ferguson-Brown tractor was introduced in 1936 in England. They soon parted ways and Ferguson decided to offer his system to Henry Ford, the world's most foremost exponent of mass production. In October 1938, Ferguson demonstrated a Ferguson-Brown tractor to Ford at his estate Fair Lane. Henry Ford was so impressed, they settled on terms and they simply shook hands; there was never a written contract. The new tractor designed by Harold Brock, and Fergusons three-point engineers went into production at River Rouge plant in the summer of 1938. Harold Brock died in January, 2001 at 90+ years of age. He also designed the Ford Select-O-Speed transmission. Over 10,000 tractors were sold in 1939. Ford has invested \$12,000,000 in tooling and advanced Ferguson \$50,000. Ford was losing money on every tractor sold to Ferguson which was the marketing company. The 9N was named as a 1939 model, the 2N as a 1942 model, and the 8N as a 1948 model. Edsel Ford, prior to his death in 1943, had urged his father to discontinue the production of the Ford-Ferguson tractor but Henry Ford kept building them. By the end of World War II in 1945, tractor losses reached \$20 million. When Henry Ford II became President of the Ford company, he said, "As a priority let us revise the agreement with Ferguson", but negotiations failed. Before Henry Ford died in April 1947, he approved the dissolution but said to keep building the tractor. A new tractor, the 8N, was re-engineered, including some of Ferguson's patents which had expired. Improvements were made to the hydraulics and a fourth speed was added to the transmission along with helical gears. On January 8, 1948, Ferguson filed a suit against Ford for \$251 million. The case dragged on for over four years and was settled out of court for \$9.25 million. The Ferguson three-point hitch system has been adopted by every major tractor manufacturer in the world. The last N series was the NAA introduced in 1953 as the Golden Jubilee model. It adopted a more powerful, four-cylinder, 134 cubic inch valve and head engine. More power, weight, improved live hydraulics and optional live power-take-off.



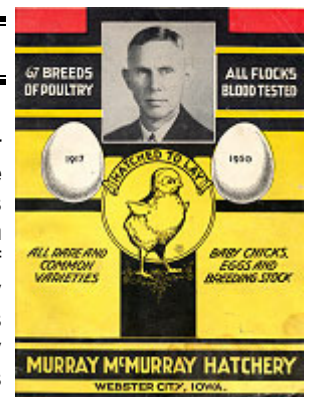
Harry Ferguson and Henry Ford at the meeting they made their "handshake" contract.

Murray McMurray's Chicken Business



Springtime on the farm was always welcome after enduring a long winter. In the old days every farm produced a flock of chicken, ducks, geese or other poultry as needed for feeding the family, and hopefully a few extra available to sell. Every spring it was an exciting ritual for farm families to order its annual supply of chicks, ducklings or goslings. Egg hatcheries were found in most every rural community in the early days. As the means of transportation and communication evolved over time, hatcheries, like many other industries, became larger and fewer. Many local hometown hatcheries became a thing of the past. Following is a story of one Murray McMurray from Webster City, Iowa, who had a passion for the poultry industry. This century old egg hatchery business is still thriving yet today.

Murray McMurray officially started his chicken business in 1917. He had always been interested in poultry as a young man and particularly enjoyed showing birds at the local and state fairs. He was in the banking business at this time and sold baby chicks through the bank to area farmers and hobbyists. When incubators became available he was able to purchase several small Buckeye incubators to hatch and sell his own stock. In 1919 he sent out his first catalog and price list and



continued to carry on both the banking and the hatchery business. During the early stages of the depression his bank went broke. It was then he decided to go into the hatchery and mail order baby chick business full time. During the decades of the 30's and 40's, McMurray Hatchery continued to grow. The hatchery served two types of customers: the local area farmer and the mail order customer. One customer lived right in our backyard and the other may have lived a thousand miles away. The McMurray Hatchery catalog bridged the distance gap between the hatchery and the mail order customer. The arrival of the beautiful color catalog with its description of the birds was always anxiously anticipated as it still is today, many years later. The 1950's and early 1960's were a difficult time to be in the hatchery business. Agriculture was changing very rapidly. Livestock was disappearing and not being replaced. There were fewer and fewer farm flocks and people didn't have time or money for poultry. Railroads had been the major carriers of baby chicks but were diminishing in both size and number. The advent of the airlines carrying mail was a lifesaver for McMurray Hatchery and all hatcheries still in business. It allowed them to continue dealing with customers who lived many miles away. The airlines made it possible to get day old poultry to a customer within the 72-hour period required by the U.S. Postal Service. Anyone who wanted poultry could purchase it. They could have it delivered to their home regardless of how far they lived from a hatchery. For 74 years, McMurray Hatchery operated at 609 Ohio Street in Webster City. This was an old gray house that had been converted to a hatchery. In the house next door, a former duplex stood one-half of the office. In the next house east, stood the other half of the office. The decade of the 1980's and early 90's saw many changes at McMurray Hatchery. The days of the poultry flock on every farm were gone. Today, 99% of our business is done through catalog sales, which serves the small farm flock and the hobbyist. Baby chicks have always been the main staple of the business. Today ducklings, goslings, guinea keats, turkey poults, peafowl, and game birds are hatched and shipped through the mail. Orders for poultry books, medicine, incubators, hatching eggs, equipment, and other poultry related products are shipped daily from our hatchery. Many of the items are shipped to rural areas where these products are sometimes hard to find. We are making every effort to be a one-stop poultry shop. In 1991 the new hatchery was built, a 26,000 square foot building. The entire hatching operation is now state-of-the-art. There are separate rooms for egg storage and preparation, incubation, hatching, washing /clean up, and a workroom. A very high level of sanitation is maintained throughout the hatchery.



TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2011

Financial Statement: March 1, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$18,015.16	General Fund	\$1,768.27	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$69,469.59	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$913.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,539.14	Farming Fund	\$71,237.86	TOTAL
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$4,134.26	Hagen House	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$24,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund		
\$71,237.86	TOTAL		

Operating Statement

\$71,237.86	Balance: March 1, 2011		
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$450.00	Dues/Membership	(\$225.57)	Electricity
\$150.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$100.00)	Ford/Fordson Banquet
\$26.51	Interest	(\$2,382.08)	Liability Insurance
\$200.00	Swap Spaces	(\$80.00)	Memorials
\$1,150.00	Raffle Ticket Sales	(\$25.00)	Montevideo Chamber Donation
\$1,976.51	TOTAL	(\$6,050.00)	Pole Building
		(\$381.81)	Postage/Printing
		(\$181.30)	Raffle Expense
		(\$262.00)	Real Estate Taxes
		(\$94.80)	Swap Meet: Advertising
		(\$432.27)	Threshing Show: Advertising
\$62,999.54	Balance: March 31, 2011	(\$10,214.83)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: March 31, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$15,626.84	General Fund	\$2,003.82	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$60,995.72	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,063.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,539.14	Farming Fund	\$62,999.54	TOTAL
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Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer