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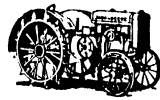
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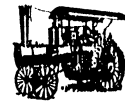
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope everybody is surviving the winter or better said, enduring the winter. I guess if we stay close to home all will be well. If travel is needed, and if plans are changed to accommodate the adverse weather conditions, none of us need to be concerned about "survival". Once again it will be a pleasure to have winter behind us and, as always, we will welcome the signs of spring. I am looking forward to the 2010 activities that will soon be starting again out at Heritage Hill. Plans are underway for selling 2010 raffle tickets. This year the top prize is a Mossberg Silver Reserve shotgun followed by an Old Log Theater and Country Inn and Suites ticket for 2 package. Heritage Hill representatives will be attending the Ole and Lena Days in Granite Falls, Saturday, February 6th, the Great Minnesota Get Together at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School, February 13th & 14th, the Willmar Ag Show March 9th and 10th and the 2010 Montevideo Xpo April 23rd and 24th to sell raffle tickets and to promote the Heritage Hill organization. Tickets were disbursed at the January membership meeting and will be available at future meetings as well. The raffle tickets come in books of 10. If just 40% of the Heritage Hill membership would sell 1 book, all the tickets would be sold out. I would encourage all members to sell raffle tickets as this is a huge fundraiser for the organization. Plans to complete the Hagen House will be formulated once the snow melts and the house is more accessible. Sometime in the early spring Heritage Hill will host an "open house" of sorts so all members can have an opportunity to view the inside.

Most Midwest based Threshing Shows, as the name implies, focus on the historic aspect of the harvest. In and around Minnesota there is little if any attention given to the historic aspects of the planting season. The various threshing shows have developed into what they are, threshing shows, for many reasons. The foremost reason being the nature of Threshing in of itself. Many of us now retired farm families have very fond memories of threshing as it was a time when all neighbors gathered together in a spirit of unity, demonstrating their good work ethic, helping out each other - an annual social event like no other. Threshing shows have evolved over time as a means of preserving this heritage. Secondly, back on the farm, late July and August was a time of the year when things were less busy and farm families found more time to socialize and organize these threshing show events. No area show, to my knowledge has ever evolved into a demonstration of the spring planting season. It would be fun to imagine such a historic event taking shape. The show would probably include such demonstrations as spring plowing, oat and wheat seeding, spring cleaning, farrowing sows, and the arrival of the new baby chicks. Interestingly enough there are such shows in other parts of the nation. The annual Spring Planting Days, located near Lillington, North Carolina, and the Southern Farm Days, held near Waccamaw, North Carolina are events of such nature. Both shows are scheduled in 2010 for the same weekend, March 20th & 21st. Exactly what these show entail is unclear, but like most shows, one can only gain experience and learn about the exhibits by attending. This sounds like a potential fun-filled destination.



Much closer to home stands another place of interest, the Gibb Museum of Pioneer and Dakota Life, owned and operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society, on Larpenteur Avenue, north of the University of Minnesota Saint Paul Campus. The story of the Gibbs Museum begins in 1833 near Batavia, New York. Jane DeBow was taken by a missionary family traveling west to work among the Dakota around Fort Snelling. Jane grew up in Minnesota and became familiar with the Dakota culture. Later, in Illinois, Jane met and married Heman Gibbs. In 1849, the year Minnesota became a territory, the newlyweds came up the Mississippi River and bought 160 acres, the land on which the Gibbs farm house still stands. At first, Jane and Heman lived in a dugout sod house. The remains of this "soddy" have been excavated. Visitors can see this excavation site and a replica sod house. In 1854, Jane and Heman built a larger cabin. With a growing family, additions to the farm house were made in 1867 and 1873. A trail leading from the Lake Calhoun area to the northern rice lakes crossed the Gibbs farm. Jane renewed her friendship with the local Dakota who would stop to visit her on their way to gather wild rice. Today visitors can tour the Gibbs family farm house. The Dakota style tipi and replica bark lodge allow visitors to explore the traditional life ways of the Dakota. Visitors can observe a native prairie, a Dakota medicine garden, and traditional Dakota and pioneer crop gardens. Visitors also will find the original white barn built by the Gibbs family in 1910 and the red barn, designed by prominent architect Edwin Lundie. Of special interest is the Stoen School House. The facility was built in 1882 to serve as the local schoolhouse near Milan in Chippewa County, Minnesota. It was in use until 1965 when the school board closed it due to a drop in attendance. During last year of operation, three students attended the Stoen School. The schoolhouse is furnished with wooden school desks, slate boards, McGuffey's Readers, a pump organ, and a working school bell. I am not sure but I believe the Stoen School House has ties to the late Ernest Stoen, former Heritage Hill member.



The annual election of officers and directors will be held February 15th at the membership meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the February membership meeting. Hope you have a good month and stay warm.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee is seeking dedicated members to become future leaders of Heritage Hill. Candidates are needed for all positions including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot for 2010, please contact any one of the Nominating Committee members: Gerald Loe, Ronald Molde, Mick Sellman, Eugene Zeller. **Thanks, The Nominating Committee**

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Questions continue to arise regarding Liability Insurance at Heritage Hill. For many years the organization has purchased its Commercial General Liability coverage from Capitol Specialty Insurance Corp, Madison, WI and HH will continue the policy in 2010. In short the policy carries a General Aggregate Limit of \$2,000,000 and Each Occurrence Limit of \$1,000,000. The last annual premium totaled \$2,379. The coverage extends to all activities of Heritage Hill and its members acting as a member of the organization. Non-members, such as guests that are exhibiting at the Threshing Show, operating their own equipment, are **not** covered under the policy. Any exhibitor is welcome to become a member of HH by paying the annual membership dues, and they too will become covered for liability insurance as would any other member. All members and outside exhibitors are encouraged to purchase their own personal liability insurance; please check with your own homeowners or farm insurance agent to determine your personal level of liability insurance coverage. If you have further questions, please contact Les Bergquist, Treasurer, 320-226-7878 or email at xyzbergquist@embarqmail.com. **Thanks, The Directors.**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: January 18, 2010 Sally Phillips Helling, Secretary

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

Quorum: 47 members were present.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **November 17, 2009** membership meeting. **M/S/P Richard Brown/Les Bergquist** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the December financials and the 2009 Annual Report. **M/S/P Floyd Kanten/Lynn Wittman** to approve.

- **Announcements:** President Thompson reported that he inadvertently left the lights on in the Thresher's Kitchen on New Year's eve. Someone from the sheriff's department noted they were on and contacted him. We are grateful for the surveillance provided by the department.
- **Membership meeting lunch servers:** Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve lunch. There are only a few additional servers needed as follows: May (3), July (2). Please contact Secretary Phillips Helling at 612.868.0632 to volunteer.
- **Montevideo Chamber of Commerce:** The Chamber newsletter serves as an effective vehicle to promote Heritage Hill events to the business community. **M/S/P Mick Sellman/Ron Molde** to pay the annual membership dues of \$116.
- **Tractor Pull Activities:** **M/S/P Patty Kurtzbein/Mick Sellman** to appoint Gerald Kleene as Tractor Pull Chairman, There was discussion as to the cost of the trophies and it was decided that the tractor pull chair should be in charge of all tractor pull events & purchasing.
- **Audit committee report:** Robert Lerohl and Gerald Kleene audited the treasury books and records for 2009. All were in good order. There was improvement in the area of receipts submitted for reimbursements by members. Thank you to Treasurer Bergquist for maintaining the financial records for the club.
- **Property Insurance:** Les Bergquist and Gerald Kleene reviewed the coverage levels currently in effect on the Thresher's Kitchen. Because the kitchen is an important revenue source for the club, it was recommended to increase the coverage to \$202,000 for the building, contents and equipment at an additional premium cost of \$384 in 2010. **M/S/P Richard Brown/Bob Lerohl** to increase the coverage as recommended.
- **House:** It is situated on Heritage Hill. Restoration will begin in the spring. A coordinator is needed for the restoration project.
- **Raffle tickets:** They are printed and ready for sale. Members are asked to pick up a supply from President Thompson. The 1st prize is a rare 12 gauge shotgun, 2nd prize is an Old Log Theater play, dinner and overnight stay for two, 3rd and 4th prizes are \$100 each. Volunteers are needed for upcoming events to promote the club and sell raffle tickets.
- **Show promotion:** Special recognition was given to Gerald Kleene for his untiring promotion of the Heritage Hill Threshing Show.
- **Fairbanks Morse building:** A coordinator is needed to replace Lynn Wittman who is relocating. Lynn reported that it does not require a great deal of technical knowledge or skill. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are willing to assume this responsibility.
- **Nominating committee report:** All members are asked to consider participating in the governance of the club. Please contact Ron Molde, Gene Zeller, Mick Sellman or Gerald Loe for more information and to volunteer. You will find it to be a fun and rewarding experience.
- **2010 Budget:** The annual budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at its next meeting, then to the membership at the February meeting for discussion and approval.
- **February Board meeting:** **M/S/P Les Bergquist/Sally Phillips Helling** to reschedule to January 28th, 8 p.m. at the Country Kitchen in Montevideo.
- **Donation:** A thank you note will be sent to Dale and Kathy Knoshal for their donation of books to the Heritage Hill schoolhouse.
- **Gratitude:** President Thompson thanked those who served this month's lunch.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: January 28, 2010, Sally Phillips Helling, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Country Kitchen, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Phillips, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Kanten. *Absent* – Emch, Winter. *Guests:* 1.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **December 2nd** directors' meeting, as recorded by Treasurer Bergquist. **M/S/P Bergquist/Sellman** to approve the minutes.

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

- **Welcome:** President Thompson welcomed Marlys Heath, who has accepted the nomination for secretary. Current secretary, Sally Phillips Helling, volunteered to orient the incoming secretary and provide any assistance needed. President Thompson announced that he will run for another term, as will Vice President Kleene and Treasurer Bergquist. There are candidates for the open board positions. Although ballots have been prepared, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the election on February 15th. Members are encouraged to volunteer for governance positions by contacting anyone on the nominating committee: Ron Molde, Gene Zeller, Mick Sellman and Gerald Loe.

- **Raffle prize:** The gun was sent out to have the club logo inscribed. It was to highlight the 30th anniversary of the club encircled with a double ring in black. When the gun was returned, the logo was accurate but the outline was not dyed. A decision is pending as to whether the rings will be painted black.
- **The Ag Expo:** Sponsored by the Montevideo Chamber, it will be held on April 23-24 (Friday/Saturday). The cost for a 10' X 10" booth is \$65. **M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene** to participate and sell raffle tickets. The decision to hold a bake sale is deferred for consideration by the membership.
- **Ag Days:** This Willmar event runs from March 9-10. **M/S/P Sellman/Molde** to pay the \$50 fee to participate.
- **Other scheduled events:** Members are needed to promote Heritage Hill and sell raffle tickets at Ole & Lena Days on February 6th and at the Great Western Minnesota Get Together on February 13-14.
- **Correction:** The Northland Case Collectors had said they would raffle off a tractor at our Threshing Show. In order to maximize their ticket sales, they will, instead, defer the raffle to the last show of the season.
- **Rare car:** A 1915 Case car from Winnipeg will be on display at our show and will need a secure, overnight storage space.
- **2011 Ford show:** Doug Norman is on the board of the national Ford organization. Heritage Hill will host the group in 2011 and has been asked to consider a 4-day show. It would involve offering limited food service to exhibitors on Thursday. There will be additional discussion on this topic.
- **2010 budget:** The budget has been distributed to members and will be presented for approval at the February membership meeting.
- **Chapel fund:** **M/S/P Kleene/Phillips Helling** to transfer the \$1123.39 balance from the Memorial Fund to the Chapel Fund and dissolve the Memorial Fund.
- **House reconstruction coordinator:** The members of the current house committee (Jim Roe, Doug Norman, Mick Sellman, Steve Haugen, Gerald Kleene) will recruit a coordinator for the reconstruction phase of the project. It could be someone who served on the committee or a member at large.
- **Banner:** **M/S/P Bergquist/Molde** to pay \$125 for a 6' X 4' banner with the Heritage Hill logo for booth displays and other promotional events.
- **Exhibiter building:** Directors discussed the possible need for another display building. HH will be hosting a number of collector organizations in the near future. The collectors require secure facility to display the rare tractors, implements, and other paraphernalia. A motion was made by Gerald Kleene/ S/Ron Molde to explore and present to the membership for discussion and consideration a new exhibiter building, complementing the Phillips building to fit between the Phillips building and the Fairbanks building. Wes will get budget numbers to present to the membership.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
2010 Great Western Minnesota Get Together – LqP Valley High School	February 13 & 14, 2010
Heritage Hill Membership Meeting, Montevideo Community Center	Monday, February 15, 2009 – 7 pm
(February servers: Vince/Dianne Welling, Floyd/Waunita Kanten, Richard Brown, Glen Hilden)	
Directors' Meeting – Country Kitchen, Montevideo	March 4, 2010 – 7 pm
Willmar Ag Show – Willmar Civic Center	March 9 & 10, 2010
2010 Swap Meet	April 16 & 17, 2010
2010 Montevideo Xpo – former Runnings Building, Montevideo	April 23 & 24, 2010
2010 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Case Tractors	August 20, 21, 22, 2010
Hosting the J.I. Case Collectors Association and Northland Case Collectors Club conventions	
2010 Christmas Party	Saturday, December 11, 2010 – 6 PM

DOING CORN THE HARD WAY

Thanks is extended to Dale Norman for submitting the following article regarding old-days corn husking

A friend of ours stopped by the office recently, excited about the pending arrival of a brand new Deere combine. He had ordered the biggest and the best, with custom \$5,000 floatation tires and a Gerringhoff chopper cornhead. Total bill: \$350,000. After I gave him a hard time about how much money he was spending, he showed me on paper how the purchase makes sense when you spread the cost over 3,000 acres and figure in the high resale value of a well-maintained machine. After he left, I started thinking about how corn was harvested before such monster machines came on the scene. I went to my computer and spent the next hour or so reading about the history of corn harvesting. I got sidetracked into reading about the "sport" of corn husking. In the 1930's and 1940's, as machines took over the business of picking corn, huge corn husking contests were held all over the Midwest. For example, in 1938 more than 125,000 people showed up at a farm near Dell Rapids, South Dakota, to watch 21 contestants compete. There were brass bands, parades, parking for 35,000 cars, and NBC Radio carried a nationwide live broadcast of the contest. Ted Balko of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, won the contest husking 22.64 bushels of corn in 80 minutes. Corn husking contest are still popular today. You can read more at www.cornhusking.com.



Orphans & Oddballs Sell Like Classic Tractors.

By: John Harvey, *Implement & Tractor*, May 1, 1999

The following 10-year old article is interesting. The tractors that were sold on auction are probably of greater value today.

It was a rare collection of meticulously-restored oddball and orphan tractors, short-lived brands that popped up like mushrooms right after World War II -- American, Gibson, Intercontinental, Farm Master, Haas, Simpson Jumbo, OMC, Brockway. To some people these names meant nothing, but to Ed Spiess they meant everything. He championed, collected and restored them. He even created a more appropriate moniker for them -- "Lesser Known Classics." And the name stuck. "These little-known tractors are a part of our agricultural heritage, too," Spiess was known to say. He pursued them like the FBI pursues the Mafia. He not only found them, he would scour hometown newspapers and libraries for every piece of information available about the rare tractors, the companies and its officials. His appetite for tractor facts and figures was insatiable. Last fall, after doctors at the Mayo Clinic told him he had an incurable cancer, he called his family together and made plans for the dispersal sale of his collection. He died in early December, 1998. The sale was May 15 at Spiess' pallet factory in Rock Island, IL. Top-seller was a one-of-a-kind tractor, an



experimental Gibson Super G built in 1953 that sold for \$26,000. A 1948 Intercontinental C26, one of Spiess' favorites that were featured on the 1998 Classic Farm Tractors Calendar, sold for \$18,000. A dozen of his tractors brought \$10,000 or more. Before the auction, which was handled by Aumann Auctions, there was speculation galore on what the collection would bring. No one knew because these tractors had never been offered anywhere before. Although many of the tractors were purchased by friends, the top tractor went to Canada and another went to England. Some people remarked about the similarities between this auction and the one at Oscar's Dreamland Museum last June (I&T July/August 1998). Rare tractors were offered at each. However, Oscar's featured unusual tractors in their working clothes and often incorrect colors; most of the Spiess tractors were totally restored. The 1,200 tractor buffs who attended Ed Spiess' tractor auction left feeling the solid prices paid for this rare collection honored both the man and the hobby.

Ed Spiess Auction Top 17 Tractors: 1953 Gibson Super G (prototype) - \$26,000 • 1948 Intercontinental C26 - \$18,000 • 1947 American - \$17,000 • 1951 Haas D - \$16,500 • 1952 OMC - \$16,000 • Sheppard Diesel SD2 - \$15,000 • 1949 Simpson Jumbo - \$14,000 • 1951 Farm Master FG-33 - \$12,000 • 1950 Brockway - \$11,500 • 1943 Co-op C (wide front) - \$11,000 • 1949 Wards B - \$11,000 • 1943 Co-op C (tricycle) - \$10,000 • 1935 Kaywood - \$9,750 • 1951 Long A - \$9,000 • 1949 Gibson I - \$8,500 • 1949 Gambles Farmcrest 30 - \$8,000 • 1942 Silver King 42 - \$7,500

EXTRAS: The top fifty Oxymorons

Act naturally • Found missing • Resident alien • Advanced BASIC • Genuine imitation • Airline Food • Good grief • Same difference • Almost exactly • Government organization • Sanitary landfill • Alone together • Legally drunk • Silent scream • British fashion • Living dead • Small crowd • Business ethics • Soft rock • Butt Head • Military Intelligence • Software documentation • New York culture • New classic • Sweet sorrow • Childproof • "Now, then ..." • Synthetic natural gas • Christian Scientists • Passive aggression • Taped live • Clearly misunderstood • Peace force • Extinct Life • Temporary tax increase • Computer jock • Plastic glasses • Terribly pleased • Computer security • Political science • Tight slacks • Definite maybe • Pretty ugly • Twelve-ounce pound cake • Diet ice cream • Rap music • Working vacation • Exact estimate • Religious tolerance • Microsoft Works

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 2009

Financial Statement: January 1, 2010

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$26,008.72	General Fund	\$3,126.36	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$0.00	Chapel Fund	\$84,205.09	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$402.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$10,403.85	Farming Fund	\$87,331.45	TOTAL
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$15,370.44	Nordaune House		
\$1,123.39	Other Memorial Fund		
\$189.24	Stage Fund	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund		
\$87,331.45	TOTAL		



Operating Statement

\$87,331.45	Balance: January 1, 2010		
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$31.00	Button Sales	(\$116.00)	Chamber of Commerce
\$38.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$420.63)	Dues
\$330.00	Membership Dues	(\$233.24)	Electricity
\$100.00	Raffle Tickets	(\$144.04)	Hagen House Project
\$6.28	Refund	(\$160.00)	Insurance
\$2.00	Threshing Show: Fodd Sales	(\$400.00)	Meeting Room Rental
\$507.28	TOTAL	(\$179.34)	Pedal Pull
		(\$65.00)	Postage/Printing
		(\$9.00)	Raffle Expense
\$86,111.48	Balance: January 31, 2010	(\$1,727.25)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: January 31, 2010

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$24,983.99	General Fund	\$1,906.39	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$1,123.39	Chapel Fund	\$84,205.09	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$440.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$10,403.85	Farming Fund	\$86,111.48	TOTAL
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$15,137.20	Nordaune House		
\$189.24	Stage Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund		
\$86,111.48	TOTAL		

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

VALENTINE'S DAY HISTORY

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine. Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball. In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is much commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.



PAST DUE NOTICE

2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual membership dues WERE due and payable ***prior to January 1, 2010.***

Single Membership: **\$15.00**

Family Membership: **\$25.00**

Please send to: MVAFPMA – Membership Dues, Post Office Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265.

Lifetime Membership: If you are interested in purchasing a lifetime membership, please contact Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer, at 320-564-2419. Thank you.

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