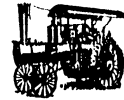


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope everybody experienced a long and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of the summer season. More importantly, I hope everybody stopped to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day: A day to memorialize those who have died in military service defending the United States of America. The weekend weather was most enjoyable after a very cool and rain-filled spring season. In recent decades this has been one of the wettest planting seasons on record; a much delayed start to the growing season here in the mid-west. Over my lifespan I can recall numerous growing seasons that were shortened due to delayed planting conditions, but the delays this spring seem more critical than years gone by. In recent years we have become accustom to the early planting and thus, over time, geared-up for the longer maturing corn varieties. Planting shorter maturing crops knowing that the yield potential will be reduced, places economic stress on the already high cost of production. Hopefully, the summer will produce enough growing degree days to make up for the shorter spring.

The farming committee has been busy. The wheat was seeded last month and has emerged, and growing well in these conditions. Thanks are extended to Orlynn Hegna and Doug Norman for preparing the soil and planting the corn May 19th on the rented land. The entire field was planted, all but a couple of acres, which were probably only accessible by a Louisiana bayou airboat. Thanks extended to Pioneer Seed and dealer Gary Velde for donating the Round-up Ready seed, not only for 2011, but for all past 11 years, ever since Heritage Hill has raised commodities on the county land. Thanks are also extended to the Chippewa County Commissioners for the use of the county land. The development of Heritage Hill would not have progressed to the point it is today, if

it were not for these generous donations. The Hagen House committee has resumed its reconditioning projects. Thanks are extended to Jim Roe, Chet Beavers and Bert Faehn for volunteering their time toward completing this project.

The construction of the new pole shed at Heritage Hill is underway. The soil has been excavated, materials have been delivered and the contractors began erecting the building on May 24th. Thanks are extended to all members who helped with the excavation project. It was fun to see Erwin Winter's old John Deere bull dozer back in action for the day, clearing top soil and leveling the new fill as it was delivered. As earlier reported, this project will cost approximately \$40,000 to complete. Initially, \$20,000 of the Wayne Ost Fund will be used and the balance of \$20,000 will be advanced on the line



of credit. A number of members have expressed interest in donating toward this project. Cash donations will be used toward the repayment of the line of credit, as will future earnings from the Heritage Hill sponsored events. In the near future letters will be sent to the Heritage Hill members asking for donations toward this building project. Upon completion a donation board will be placed in the new pole building acknowledging those who have donated \$100 or more toward the building construction. Again, this new pole building will be a welcome addition to the Heritage Hill show site.

The origin of various words and phrases always seems to be an interesting subject and captures the attention of inquiring minds. One such phrase that is commonly used in our day-to-day vocabulary is "hot seat". Over the years I have periodically heard that phrase used in the tractor world, but it is more commonly used referencing somebody in trouble. A few weeks ago, while flipping through the television channels, a program segment caught my attention when it discussed the origin of "hot seat". While the exact origin is not known, it is believed that the 1930's electric chair, a then favored form of capital punishment, may have been the source of the phrase. In the late 1910's many small sized farmers were experiencing their first tractor, transferring from the exclusive, well known and reliable draft horses, to something considered "high-tech" for its age. Henry Ford had just designed a light-weight tractor that was affordable to all farmers, the Fordson. The earlier versions of the Fordson included a design shortcoming that soon needed correcting. The early Fordson design set the worm and worm gear right below the farmer's seat. Worm gears were extremely inefficient, generating as much heat as power, and this heat transferred up the farmer's steel tractor seat, creating major discomfort. Later versions of the Fordson inverted the design and bathed the worm in oil, cooling the system and the farmer's backside. By 1920, this problem had largely been solved. Many of those Fordson owning farmers who experienced the earlier tractor design, really knew firsthand what it was like being in the "hot seat".

June and July are busy months for Heritage Hill as the parade season is in full swing. The area town celebrations, more often than not, include a parade which draws spectators from all directions. The parades offer an opportunity for members to polish up their restored tractors, drive them through the parades, pull the Heritage Hill sign, promote the show and have some fun all at the same time. Your participation in the various parades will be greatly appreciated. Tuesday, June 21st Heritage Hill will be hosting its annual family picnic prior to the monthly membership meeting. As in past years bratwursts, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring other salads, hot dishes and desserts to share. The picnic will begin at 6:00 pm and the meeting will immediately follow the picnic. Please see the insert below for details. I hope to see you and visit with you at this fun-filled event.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

ANNUAL PICNIC You and your family are invited to attend the 2011 Annual Heritage Hill Family Picnic scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st, 2011, 6:00 pm at Heritage Hill. Bratwursts, hot dogs, lemonade and coffee will be provided by the organization. **Please bring a hot dish, salad, dessert or whatever you wish to share.** Also, please bring your own plates, cups and utensils. Hope to see you for a fun filled evening of fellowship. Membership meeting will follow the picnic.

Thank you, The Directors

Lawn Mowing

The next lawn mowing at Heritage Hill is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011. Throughout the growing season, and as long as precipitation continues to fall, the lawn will continue to grow and will be in need of periodic mowing. Greater involvement from members is needed. During the last two mowing events, there were only about three volunteers and their mowers that participated. In addition, volunteers with power trimmers are needed to trim around the buildings. Mowing begins at 9:00 in the morning. You are welcome to come to Heritage Hill anytime during the day to help. If you have questions, please contact President Wesley Thompson. Many hands make light work!



WANTED: OLD "STUFF"

Spring is here. Have you been cleaning out, and clearing out, the shed, house basement, garage, shed and barn? Are you getting tired of moving around all the stuff that is cluttering up your much needed space? Well here is the deal. About 3 years ago, the interior walls of the new gas engine building were lined with rough-cut lumber, utilizing lumber generated at the Heritage Hill sawmill. It is now the goal to "decorate" the walls of the gas engine building with random "old stuff". The hope is to hang items on the wall similar to things that become abandoned, accumulate and hang on the walls of the any typical farm shed. **If you are interested, please consider donating any such items to Heritage Hill.** Already, items such as rakes, pitchforks, old license plates, circular saw blades, hand tools, eveners, hand corn planters, old paint brushes and more have been donated toward the project. The items donated do not need to be "restored". Actually, the more rustic looking the better. If you are interested in donating items, please contact James Roe, at 320-269-7507, or 262-751-5240 cell. Heritage Hill reserves the right to reject items that are not conforming, but please do not hesitate to contact Jim and see if your items are fitting for the project. All donations to Heritage Hill, whether for this project or another, are tax deductible. Also, all donations are absolute and final; such donations are accepted unconditionally and will become property of Heritage Hill. The future use and/or disposition of any donated item will be determined by Heritage Hill and its owners.

2011 Raffle Ticket Sales: As of June 1st approximately 780 out of the 1,250 Heritage Hill raffle tickets have been sold. Thanks are extended to all members who have taken an active role in selling raffle tickets. Please be sure to have the tickets in your possession sold, and ticket stubs and proceeds **returned by August 1, 2011.** The annual raffle generates approximately \$4,000 in net 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: May 17, 2011 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Heritage Hill. A quorum of 45 members was present.

Vice President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the April 12, 2011 membership meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Richard Brown to approve the minutes.

Vice President Kleene reported the April Financials. M/S/P Mick Sellman/Jim Heath to approve the report.

- **Swap Meet:** Attendance was decreased due to weather conditions. Profits are difficult to calculate due to supplies carried over from one event to another. President Thompson thanked everyone that helped to make the swap meet possible. Thank you to Jim Roe and Gene Zeller for taking care of selling items on the Heritage Hill trailer.
- **Pole Building:** President Thompson had a verbal promise from Don's Building Center that the equipment would be delivered on Wednesday, May 18th and the construction would be started on Friday, May 20th. The equipment used for excavating was rented from 80th St. Aggregates, Maynard and the fill was donated by Richard Oleson.
- **Picnic:** The annual potluck supper picnic and June membership meeting is scheduled for June 21st. Supper will be served at 6:00 PM with the meeting to follow. Everyone is reminded to bring food to share and their own dishes and utensils. Hotdogs and beverages will be provided.
- **Donations:** The Phillips family is donating two benches in memory of Clyde Phillips.
- **Work Nights:** Tuesday nights will be work night as has been the tradition in the past. Work time will start at about 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Members are invited to come earlier or whatever time is convenient.
- **Parades:** Doug Norman presented the parade schedule for the coming summer months. Please see the "Meeting Notices and Coming Events" for parade details.
- **Hagen House:** Jim Roe reminded everyone that work time for the house will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Work will be available on Tuesday work nights also. Many items are being donated and are stored in the small white building. If anyone wants to decorate the walls in the buildings on the grounds they are to check in the white building and take what can be used on the walls in the buildings. Anything that is donated is property of Heritage Hill to use as needed. Mick Sellman reported that there is a need for someone to paint a sealer on the Styrofoam insulation on the house. Contact Sellman if you can help with this project.
- **Facilities Usage:** Jim Roe is in charge of reserving the use of the buildings on the grounds. There is no set charge but a free will donation is requested.
- **Advance Ticket Sales:** Advance gate admission tickets sales were discusses. M/S/P Merlyn Hanson/Marilyn Norman to sell admission tickets only at the gate as in past years.
- **Lawn Mowing:** Lawn Mowing will be on Thursday May 19, 2011, 9:00 am or whatever time is convenient.
- **Weed Control:** Gene Zeller and Floyd Kanten applied chemical to fence lines to help decrease weed trimming needs.
- **Threshing Queen:** If anyone has a suggested 2011-2012 Threshing Queen please contact Carmen Haugen.
- **Feature Tractor:** Allis-Chalmers is the feature for 2012. A feature tractor is needed.

- **Coordinators:** Many coordinators are needed to serve in various capacities throughout the Threshing Show. Please contact President Thompson to find out where help is needed and how to volunteer your services.
- **Tractor Calendar:** Contact Merlyn Hanson if you would like your tractor photograph placed on the 2013 calendar. Hanson has an application to complete; the application and a photo of the tractor needs to be jointly submitted.

1907 Model R Ford

The Ford Model T is one of the most memorable and well-known vehicles ever created. Henry Ford had created several predecessors to the Model T; one of them was the six-cylinder Model K. It was a complex car which fostered Henry's dislike for complexity and is partly responsible for the introduction of the simplistic four-cylinder Model T. Prior four-cylinder Fords to the Model T were the N, R, and S, with the Model T benefiting from each of these models as well. It also differed from these prior cars; it had a cast iron block engine and removable cylinder head, thermosyphon cooling and transverse leaf rear suspension. Similarities it shared with the N, R, and S include the bevel-topped radiator with tall neck, foot-operated planetary transmission, and a steering wheel with column-mounted spark and throttle controls. The Model R Ford is distinguishable from the Model N by its larger body, wheels covered by full cycle fenders, running boards, added oil lamp and mechanical lubrication system. The price difference between the two was \$150, with the base price of the Model N being \$600. The Model R had a very short lifespan, lasting from April through October in 1907. During that time, 2500 examples were produced.



DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: June 2, 2011 – Canceled due to Clarkfield parade conflict

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

EVENT

*Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill
(June Heritage Hill Picnic)*
Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill
2011 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Ford/Fordson Tractors
2012 Swap Meet

DATE/TIME

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 – 7 pm
Thursday, July 7, 2011 – 7 PM
August 19, 20 & 21, 2011
April 20 & 21, 2012

PARADE SCHEDULE

Boyd Sunday, June 12, 2011 - 2:00 PM
Montevideo Sunday, June 19, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Granite Falls Saturday, June 25, 2011 - 1:00 PM
Maynard Monday, July 4, 2011 – 11:00 AM
Clara City Saturday, July 9, 2010 - 4:00 PM
Sacred Heart Friday, July 15, 2011 – 6:00 PM



Kinnard-Haines Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Flour City Gasoline Engine

In 1882 O.B. Kinnard and Albert Haines formed the Kinnard-Haines Co. located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When opened the machine shop manufactured shingle mill machinery. The organization's name was changed to the Kinnard Press Co. in 1889 when the company started specializing in hay presses, now known as balers. Then in 1896 another major reorganization took place when the company began manufacturing their own gasoline engines. The first of its line was marketed in the spring of 1897 and in 1898, the "Flour City" trademark was adopted for its stationary and portable gasoline engines. The Flour City name would also be used on the Kinnard-Haines tractors, which entered production in 1900. In 1901, another reorganization resulted in the company reverting back to its original name – Kinnard-Haines Co. By this time, the company was one of the major producers of agricultural engines and equipment in the Minneapolis area. The company continued to use variations of its stationary engines in its tractors through 1907, but that year a totally new automotive type 4-cylinder engine was developed exclusively for the tractor line. In 1917 another reorganization took place, and the company now took another new name Kinnard & Sons Manufacturing Co. At this time, production included an extensive line of heavy tractors and engines. O.B Kinnard died in 1925, and the company began a financial decline after his death – mainly due to the decline in market for both heavy tractors and stationary engines. In 1929 the entire organization was acquired by the Bros Steel Products Co. a 1902 catalog notes that "Flour City" engines were available in 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20 and 25 horsepower engines. Flour City engines were popular in the Midwest for threshing and many other farm duties. A little sheet metal house was built over the engine carburetor and exhaust area, protecting the engine from the elements and making the engines quite distinguishable from other makes in the glory days of gasoline engines.



The 1910's...what a difference a century later

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910: The average life expectancy for men was 47 years • Fuel for automobiles was sold in drug stores only • Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub • Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone • There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads • The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph • The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower • The average US wage was 22 cents per hour • The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year • A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year • A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year • More than 95 percent of all births took place at home • Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education, instead attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and government as substandard • Sugar cost four cents a pound • Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen • Coffee was fifteen cents a pound • Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo • Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into the country for any reason • The Five leading causes of death

were: 1. Pneumonia and influenza; 2. Tuberculosis; 3. Diarrhea; 4. Heart disease; 5. Stroke • The American flag had 45 stars • The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30 • Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea had not yet been invented • There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day • Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school • Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drug store • At the time pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health' • 18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help • There were about 230 reported murders in the entire United States of America.

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2011

Financial Statement: May 1, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$17,575.08	General Fund	\$3,972.58	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$61,018.20	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,106.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,539.14	Farming Fund	\$64,990.78	TOTAL
\$4,010.51	Hanson Building Fund		
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$4,134.26	Hagen House		
\$14,000.00	Pole Barn Fund		
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$64,990.78	TOTAL		

Operating Statement

\$64,990.78	Balance: May 1, 2011		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	(\$171.25)	Electricity
\$19.26	Interest	(\$59.99)	Equipment Repair
\$38.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$2,857.31)	Farming Expense
\$150.00	Raffle Ticket Sales	(\$4,772.77)	Hazard Insurance
\$207.26	TOTAL	(\$35.00)	Health Permit
		(\$102.00)	Office/Postage
		(\$725.00)	Pole Building
		(\$445.00)	Portable Toilets
		(\$222.00)	Refuse Removal
		(\$835.04)	Swap Meet: Advertising
		(\$269.99)	Swap Meet: Food
		(\$564.06)	Threshing Show: Advertising
		(\$200.00)	Tractor Pull - Down payment
\$53,938.63	Balance: May 31, 2011	(\$11,259.41)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: May 31, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$10,067.24	General Fund	\$2,401.77	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$51,536.86	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,144.00	Decibel Reduction Fund		CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$14,681.83	Farming Fund	\$53,938.63	TOTAL
\$4,134.26	Hagen House		
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$13,275.00	Pole Barn Fund		
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$4,010.51	Wayne Ost Fund		
\$53,938.63	TOTAL		

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



Social Security System 2025: If you were born between 1946 and 1964, you are among the "baby-boomer" generation. By 2025 most baby-boomers will have retired, creating a very top-heavy Social Security system, whereby a small number of wage earners will be supporting a huge number of retirees. If Social Security is part of your future retirement plans, you may wish reconsider to your date of retirement. Here to illustrate Social Security in 2025 are Heritage Hill members, Denny Kurtzbein, Erwin Winter and Mick Sellman. Notice how one is working and two are enjoying the life of leisure.