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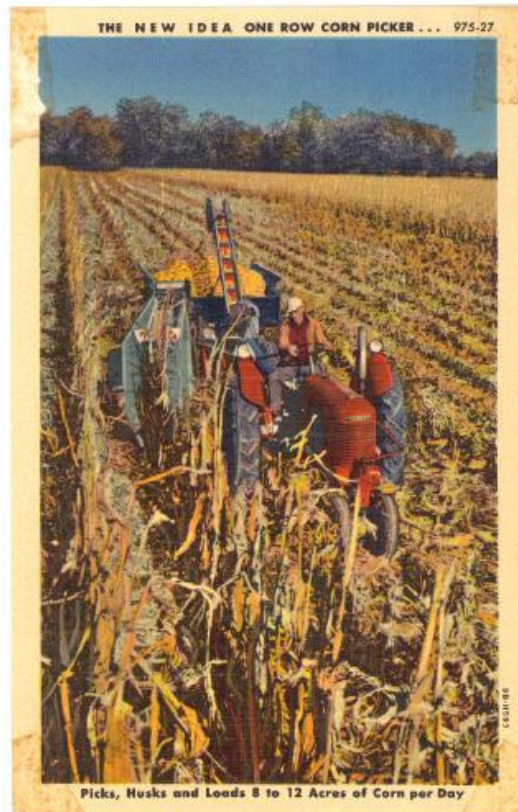
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Autumn has arrived and what a great time of the year to be out and about. The dry air, cool temps and changing leaf colors makes one find any excuse to be outside working on projects, going for walks and just taking advantage of the great outdoors. October brings fun and interesting projects to Heritage Hill. Alternating every-other year, corn is raised on the county land and this fall Heritage Hill will again host the annual corn harvest. This will be a great opportunity to gather for a day of fun and fellowship, and pick corn to be stored in the corn crib. A few years ago Heritage Hill acquired a New Idea 2-row corn picker that does a fairly great job harvesting corn. As opposed to older style corn pickers, the New Idea shells very little corn, therefore wasting very little of this valuable commodity. In the past it has been a challenge to find a tractor with a low enough gear and speed to operate the corn sheller. Like all old corn pickers, this unit was engineered to pick corn yielding 50 to 100 bushels to the acre. With modern-day corn yielding 150 to 200 bushels per acre, the old corn picker needs to travel at half the speed to keep up with the flow of corn cobs. I guess this is a good problem to have. Then, again, the 2011 corn harvest may prove to be a little less challenging than in the past. This growing season has been about as whacky as any growing season has ever been. The season started out cold and extremely wet. The corn planting on the county land was delayed, a few acres did not get planted, and germination was delayed as well. Then on Sunday, July 17th, there was a heavy wind storm, which not only damaged Heritage Hill buildings, but also flattened the corn crop to some degree. Then someone shut off the rain spigot – no significant precipitation has been received since mid-July. Last but not least the corn crop was damaged, at least to some degree, with a relatively early frost on the morning of September 16th. Oops, did I fail to mention 1 ½ weeks of record breaking heat, high dew-points and high heat indexes in mid-July? The true yield will not be known until harvest is complete, but with anticipated lower yields the New Idea corn picker should have an easier time during the 2011 harvest. Please stay tuned as the harvest date has not yet been announced – hopefully the word will get out to all members who are interested in helping. Approximately 1000 bushels of ear corn will be harvested and stored in the corn crib for future Threshing Show demonstrations. Assuming the corn will be harvested in time, the annual Heritage Hill Plowing Bee is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011. That may change as well depending on fall harvest conditions.



Picks, Husks and Loads 8 to 12 Acres of Corn per Day



In the days leading up to the 10th anniversary of Nine-Eleven, there was much media discussion and remembrance honoring those Americans that lost their lives on that horrible day. Nine-Eleven sparked a sudden rise of patriotism in the United States. Shortly thereafter patriotism diminished as tough decisions were made to combat terrorism starting in Afghanistan and Iraq. I have always been proud of one token of patriotism that was initiated at Heritage Hill post Nine Eleven, something that has continued ever since: The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. At the January 3, 2002 Board of Directors' meeting a decision was made to acquire an American Flag for flag pledge purposes. Wanda Heath agreed to coordinate the project. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited for the first time at the February 19, 2002 membership meeting and the same has continued to this day. The Pledge of Allegiance was first written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister and Christian socialist. The original "Pledge of Allegiance" was published in the September 8, 1892 issue of the popular children's magazine, *The Youth's Companion*, as part of the National Public-School Celebration of Columbus Day, a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas. The event was conceived and promoted by James B. Upham, a marketer for the magazine, as a campaign to instill the idea of American nationalism by selling flags to public schools and magazines to students. Bellamy's original pledge read as follows: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". In 1923 the National Flag Conference called for the words "my Flag" to be changed to "the Flag of the United States" so new immigrants would not confuse loyalties between their birth countries and the United States. The words "of America" were added a year later. The United States Congress officially recognized the Pledge for the first time, in the following form, on June 22, 1942: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". Inspired by Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, an amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance was signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 14, 1954, Flag Day, adding the phrase "under God"

There are a few containers of ice cream and numerous cases of pop that remain unsold from the 2011 Threshing Show. If interested the ice cream is available to purchase for \$23 per 3-gallon container and the pop is \$7 for a 24-can case. The hope is to get those items sold prior to closing up the Threshers' Kitchen for the winter months. In interested, please give me a call. Thanks again to all who made the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show a complete success.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

PLOWING ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON: All Heritage Hill members are reminded to invite their neighbors, friends and relatives to the **Thirteenth Annual Heritage Hill Plowing Bee** scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd**. 1:00 pm, at the county land located just east of Heritage Hill. Bring your antique tractors & plows and put them to work. As in the past years this will be an exciting fun-filled Sunday afternoon activity. Lunch will be served. Open to the public – admission free!

Heritage Hill By-law Changes: At the September 20, 2011 membership meeting, potential changes to the Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association By-laws were discussed. A By-law review committee was elected, consisting of five organizational members: James Roe, LuVerne Bangsund, Vincent Welling, Merlyn Hanson, and Curtis Berg. The committee presented its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors at the October 6, 2011 board meeting. The board concurred with the committee's recommendation. The Board of Directors is now recommending the same By-law changes to the membership as was presented by the committee. A draft of the reinstated By-laws is included in this newsletter for your review. The proposed reinstated By-laws will be discussed at the October 18, 2011 membership meeting. The final draft of the proposed reinstated By-laws will be voted upon at the November 15, 2011 membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: September 20, 2011 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Heritage Hill, Montevideo
Quorum 60 members present. Vice President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the August 16, 2011 membership meeting. M/S/P Mike Sellman/Les Bergquist to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the August Financials. M/S/P Douglas Norman/LuVerne Bangsund to approve the report.

- **Radio Broadcasts:** President Thompson reported on his Fargo, ND Ag News live broadcast, which covers a large listening area. Thompson requested AG News to broadcast live during the 2012 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. The request is under consideration.
- **MAAPS:** Gerald Kleene has been the MAAPS representative for Heritage Hill (Minnesota. Association of Antique Power Shows). The next meeting will be at Heritage Hill on October 8, 2011, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A noon meal will be served. The meeting is open to anyone wishing to attend. An RSVP to Gerald Kleene is required for the noon meal.
- **Threshing Show:** President Thompson thanked everyone for their volunteered time and work during the past Threshing show. The show was very successful and many good comments were made about the new pole building and how nice the grounds were kept up. All the gun/theatre raffle tickets were sold and many peddle tractor tickets were also sold. The expenses keep going up every year because of the economy. The gate and kitchen receipts remain about the same every year.
- **National Guard:** Thank you to the National Guard for bringing the wall on Friday August 19th. Hopefully, the National Guard will return next year with the same climbing wall.
- **Winter Preparations:** The trees need to be watered once more before the water tanks and water lines are drained for the winter. The Threshers' Kitchen air conditioners will be removed during the next board of directors meeting. If the grounds need to be mowed one more time it will be announced on KDMA, e-mail, and/or the newsletter.
- **Donations:** The Haugen family has donated a Ministers Chair and Missal Stand from the Mandt Lutheran Church. Bob Christianson from the Gallery on First has donated a Neck Yoke and Cow Stanchions to be used where ever they can be displayed.
- **2012 Allis Chalmers Feature Tractor:** Several suggestions have been made. Anyone interested in entering their tractor to be displayed as the feature Allis Chalmers Tractor for the 2012 Threshing show should submit a written description and history along with a picture to President Thompson before the next Board of Directors meeting on October 6th. The directors will review the entries and make recommendations to the membership for their selection at the October Membership Meeting.
- **Pole Building Name:** M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Les Bergquist to name the building "Chippewa". Donations and memorials are still being accepted to be designated for the Chippewa building.
- **By-Laws:** President Thompson will not be running for office in 2012. He suggested that the bylaws need to be changed to have the elections in the fall so the proper contacts can be entered on the advertising which starts in November. He also suggested that there should be a term limit to each office. M/S/P Jim Roe/Richard Brown to set up a committee to review the current by-laws and bring their recommendations back to the membership for future consideration. Jim Roe, LuVerne Bangsund, Vince Welling, Merlyn Hanson, and Curt Berg volunteered to be on the committee.
- **Ford-Fordson:** Doug Norman relayed a thank you from the Ford-Fordson Collectors Association for hosting the annual meeting. There were many positive comments and the accommodations were great.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: October 6, 2011 - Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Bangsund, Emch, Absent: Winters, Stegeman.
Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/Molde to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist gave the September financial report M/S/P Kleene/Zeller to approve the report.

- **Signs:** The signs have been removed from the threshing machines located along Highway 7. The signs will be repainted with the 2012 Threshing Show dates for 2012 and replaced this fall.
- **Vender:** Gerald Kleene has been approached by a vender who would like to sell shirts at the 2012 Threshing Show which would display the Gathering of the Orange as well as the Heritage Hill logo. M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene to approve the vender to sell shirts printed with the Heritage Hill logo along with the 2012 Gathering of the Orange.
- **Feature Tractor:** After reviewing the entries for the Allis-Chalmers feature tractor for 2012, M/S/P Bergquist/Bangsund to recommend Gerald Kleene's 1937 Model A Allis-Chalmers tractor to the membership for approval at the October 18, 2011 membership meeting.
- **Pop:** There are several 24 can cases of pop left from the Threshing Show. M/S/P Kleene/Molde to have the members sign up to win a case of pop at the October 18, 2011 membership meeting.
- **Picture:** Joe Olson has donated a framed photograph of his father Leslie Olson and his Case Steam Engine.
- **MAAPS:** The MAAPS meeting will be held at Heritage Hill on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 11:00 AM.
- **Corn Harvest:** In preparation for the corn harvest, Richard Emch will be making the necessary combine maintenance, which will be used to open the corn field, prior to picking. Volunteers will be needed for hauling corn.
- **Winterize Equipment:** Mick Sellman will take care of winterizing the equipment and emptying the water tank.

- **Directors Christmas Party:** The board agreed to a directors Christmas Party at Budger's Dinner House, Maynard, Thursday, December 1, 2011.
- **By-Laws Amendments:** The By-law review committee has met and they submitted their proposals to the Directors. M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist to present the amendments to the membership at the October membership meeting to be voted on at the November membership meeting.
- **Trees:** Jim Roe requested planting trees in front of the Hagen House. Donations have been given to be used for purchase of trees. \$200.00 was given by Richard Emch in memory of Lucy Emch, \$200.00 was given by Fern Landmark in memory of David Landmark, and \$100.00 was given by John Lyngen in memory of his mother Jean Lyngen. M/S/P Bergquist/Bangsund to authorize Roe to purchase and plant trees by the house as needed with a budget of \$500.

Musings from the Ford Vendors – by Dale Norman

Following is a summary of Ford and Fordson paraphernalia that was for sale at the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. I thought it was great that these wonderful people took time to attend the Threshing Show.

- **Jensales, Inc. – Manchester, Minnesota:** Service, parts and operator manuals for most tractor makes.
- **Dennis Carpenter – Concord, North Carolina:** Parts for 1939 to 1964 Ford tractors and also Ford automobile parts.
- **Rosewood Machine and Tool Company – Rosewood Ohio, Duane Helman, President and CEO:** Fordson tractor parts, tractor manifolds. Duane attended the show. Duane brought a beautiful 1925 Ford Model T pickup. 1925 was the first year pickups were produced by Ford. He also brought a Ford tractor. He was a very knowledgeable and interesting individual.. Rosewood has first class machine shop equipment and has secured various contracts making some parts for Honda. Rosewood has the capability of machining an aluminum engine block from one complete block of metal.
- **DMW Enterprises, Inc. – Mulino, Oregon:** Company representatives attended the show and displayed decorative mirrors mounted in tractor grills. Saturday evening, during the Threshing Show, the Ford/Fordson Collectors Association held its annual meeting and banquet at Budger's in Maynard. Douglas Norman's grandson, Hunter, bought a 1953 Ford Golden Jubilee grill shell with the mirror mount. The auction was an organizational fundraiser.



Reeves Gasoline Engines

In 1888 Marshall T. Reeves, Ginnie L. Reeves and Milton O. Reeves incorporated the 'Reeves Pulley

Company', beginning the manufacture of wood split pulleys. Later they earned a worldwide reputation for the manufacture of variable speed transmissions, machinery and appliances. As early as 1903 they began the manufacture of automobile engines. Later appreciating the broader and more promising field for stationary engines they diverted this development into farm engines, which the refinement and accuracy of manufacture is not found in the ordinary gasoline engines. With the Reeves speed changing device the speed of the engine may be reduced when only little power is required and high speed is unnecessary, and the speed can be changed while the engine is running. The Reeves gasoline engine was built in several sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 12 hp. At the manufacturer built an experimental 1 HP engine and then at a later date a 16hp was built. The Reeves 1 and 2 hp size is the same in general design and construction as all other sizes differing in only four respects as indicated below. Cylinder and water hopper are cast with base. Cylinder head is removable, but is not water jacketed, the air cooled

fins keep it cool. Connecting rod bushing at wrist pin are poured instead of die cast babbitt. Flywheel hubs are cast solid and keyed to shaft. Another important fact is about the flywheels. The flywheels on the larger engines were sufficiently heavy to give the engine momentum and make it run perfectly at all times. The hubs are split and the wheels fastened to the shaft by means of keys and compression bolts, this enabled the manufacturer to bore the hole the same size of the shaft then spring the hub open and put the wheel in place. The governor is of a hit and miss type gear driven from the crankshaft with a third gear driving a set of ball governors so when they open the pin is pushed outward against the detent arm causing the cam push rod to lock and hold the exhaust valve open. This causes the intake valve to remain open so no gas can enter the cylinder. Until the engine slows down, the governor ball closes down and relieves the pressure of the governor pin against the detent, which releases the catch and allows the exhaust valve to close and the intake valve to open by suction admitting a charge of gas to enter the cylinder. The governor also controls the operation of the igniter allowing it to stand idle except when a charge of gas is drawn into the cylinder to be ignited. This saves the batteries and is one of the important economical features of the Reeves. The igniter is a make and break type used in connection with dry cells or magnetos. All engines were equipped with a set of dry cells, switch, wire and spark coil and a neat strong box for same. When it was desired Reeves furnished the magneto at extra cost. Reeves used the famous Lukenheimer Mixer. All fuel enters the cylinder through the mixer and is thoroughly atomized and mixed with the exact amount of air to utilize every atom of gas and thus produce the greatest power. The Reeves gasoline engine was finished in a rich brilliant red, nicely striped in gold with neat scrolls at the corners and the name of 'The Reeves' across the water hopper in gold. The side and face of the flywheel are royal blue. There was also scroll work on the oil shield. The most popular one and two HP seemed to have been the most unprofitable. At the end of 1914 the Reeves directors recommended that this branch of the business be closed out 'as rapidly as possible'. In 1918 the gasoline business was offered for sale to Cumming Machine Company of Munster, Ohio.



Classified Ads

For Sale: Twin Hydraulic Loader Stacker, 8x10, Purchase new in Montevideo, call Tim Zitzmann, Renville, 320-905-1557.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

EVENT

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill

(October: Ramona/LuVerne Bangsund; Grace/Eugene Zeller; Jan/Mick Sellman; James/Marlyns Heath)

Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill

DATE/TIME

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 7 pm

Thursday, November 3, 2011 – 7 pm

Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill (tentative date)
 Thanksgiving Service – Heritage Hill
 2012 Swap Meet
 2012 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Gathering of Orange

Sunday, October 23, 2011 – 7 pm
 Friday, November 25, 2011 - 7pm
 April 20 & 21, 2012
 August 17, 18 & 19, 2012

EXTRAS – The legend of “Old Blue”

A young cowboy from Montana goes off to college. Half way through the semester, having foolishly squandered all his money he calls home. "Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here in Missoula that will teach our dog, Ole' Blue how to talk!" "That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ole' Blue in that program?" "Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says "and I'll get him in the course." So, his father sends the dog and \$1,000. About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home. "So how's Ole' Blue doing son?" his father asks. "Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this –the program is so successful, the school has started to teach the animals how to read!" "Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?" "Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class." The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So the young cowboy shoots the dog. When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited. "Where's Ole' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!" "Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ole' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does." "Then Ole' Blue turned to me and asked, so, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead who lives down the street?" The father went white and exclaimed, "I hope you shot that dog before he talks to your Mother!" "I sure did, Dad!" "That's my boy!"



TREASURER’S REPORT: September 2011

Financial Statement: September 1, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$27,341.57	General Fund	\$1,218.78	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$60,568.39	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,237.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91	Farming Fund	\$61,787.17	TOTAL
\$3,724.66	Hagen House		
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund	\$17,000.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$9,539.22	Insurance Claim Fund		
\$507.51	Pole Building Fund		
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$4,010.51	Wayne Ost Fund		
\$61,787.17	TOTAL		

Operating Statement

Donations:	\$100	Oscar Landmark
\$400 Kibble Equipment	\$200	Montevideo NAPA

\$61,787.17	Balance: September 1, 2011		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
		(\$260.38)	Advertising
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	(\$284.83)	Electricity
\$700.00	Donation	(\$1,957.08)	Food Purchased
\$16.34	Interest	(\$65.00)	Insurance - RC Flyers
\$49.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$88.00)	Office/Postage
\$85.00	Threshers' Kitchen	(\$73.74)	Repair/Maintenance
\$850.34	TOTAL	(\$2,729.03)	TOTAL
\$59,908.48	Balance: September 30, 2011		

Financial Statement: September 30, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$25,413.88	General Fund	\$1,324.71	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$58,583.77	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,237.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91	Farming Fund	\$59,908.48	TOTAL
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