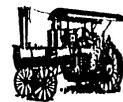


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. The Christmas and New Year holiday season has come and gone in hastened flurry. I hope you were able to enjoy time shared, and lots of food, with friends and family. January is a time of transition into another notable period of the year: Tax season. I have never found a good reason to get excited about tax preparation and filing, but taxes are inevitable, the tax filing is not going away, so I may as well buckle down and gather the needed information for the accountant. The sooner that task is behind me the better.

At the November 18, 2014 membership meeting, a somewhat monumental change was made to operations at Heritage Hill. With mixed emotions, the membership voted to discontinue the January and February membership meetings. The reasons for the change were somewhat layered. For the past two years, many of the winter meetings, including membership and board of directors, needed to canceled or postponed due to the adverse winter weather conditions. Deciding whether to cancel a meeting becomes a very complex and stressful issue among the directors. In the past many contacts are made back and forth between the directors, throughout the meeting day, factoring the ever changing weather conditions into the decision to cancel the meeting, or not. The longer into the day that decision is prolonged, the riskier that decision becomes. Making sure any meeting change is announced to all is a huge challenge. Safety of our members and guests are of the utmost importance. Nobody needs to get stuck in a road ditch or risk injury for the sake of attending a meeting. Then there is the lunch issue. It is unfortunate when a huge effort, by a few volunteers, goes into preparing a "little lunch" (translate: a huge lunch at a substantial cost) that cannot be served as planned. Over the past few years there have been fewer agenda items for the winter meetings; and prior to the discontinuation of the Spring Swap meet, the winter meetings were needed to prepare for that event. I wish to remind all members that the monthly board meetings will continue on its regular schedule, the first Thursday of each month. The board meetings always have been, and will continue to be, open to all members. If you have any issue which needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact any board member for placing your issue on the agenda.

The 2015 Heritage raffle tickets have been printed and are now available for distribution. Director Ron Molde will have the tickets available for distribution to all members. Please see Ron and help sell when and where you are able. The annual raffle has proved to be a significant fundraiser for Heritage Hill. As in past years, Heritage Hill will be present selling raffle tickets at the Ole and Lena Day, February 7, at the Minnesota West Campus, Granite Falls. The following weekend, February 14 and 15, Heritage Hill will participate in the Great Minnesota Get Together, located at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School. The 2015 raffle prizes include a Benelli Montefeltro Silver shot gun, \$750 cash and \$250 cash, first, second and third prizes, respectively.



At recent board of director meetings, the possibility of purchasing as new flag pole, of significant in height, has been discussed. It has been suggested to locate the new flag pole somewhere north of the school house. The flag pole would be illuminated at night and made visible from Minnesota Highway 7. Currently, a committee of directors is in process of determining the flag pole specifications including the needed flag pole height and related flag size. All related flag pole costs need to be determined, and if the project is deemed feasible, all information will be presented to the membership for consideration. Information regarding the

history and use of flags is quite extensive. The first flags were used to assist military co-ordination on battlefields, and flags have since evolved into a general tool for rudimentary signaling and identification, especially in environments where communication is similarly challenging. National flags are potent patriotic symbols with varied wide-ranging interpretations, often including strong military associations due to their original and ongoing military uses. The current tallest flagpole in the United States is a 400 feet in height. The project was completed around Memorial Day 2014 and custom-made with a large 11-foot base in concrete by wind turbine manufacturer Broadwind Energy. The flag pole is situated on the north side of the Acuity Insurance headquarters campus, along Interstate 43 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and is visible for a distance of 15 miles. The pole will hold a 220-pound flag for pleasant conditions and a thicker 350-pound flag for harsh weather.



Finally, I would like to extend sympathy to the families of long-time Heritage Hill members Dennis O. Olson and Orel Jane Loe. Dennis died December 9, at the Chippewa County-Montevideo Hospital. His funeral service was held December 12 at Big Bend Lutheran Church. Orel Jane Loe died December 18 at Saint Cloud Hospital after a sudden illness. Her funeral was held December 22 at Wang Lutheran Church, rural Maynard. Blessed be the memory of Dennis and Orel Jane.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Just a reminder to all members who pay dues annually, that your 2015 membership dues were payable on January 1. If you have not yet paid, please send your dues to: *Heritage Hill, Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265*. \$15 for one person; \$25 for member and spouse. Children under 18 years are free. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: November 18, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo. Quorum - 26 present
Vice President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the October 21, 2014 membership meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Mick Sellman to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the October 2014 financial report. M/S/P Merlyn Hanson/Jim Wik to approve the report.

- **Farming Committee:** Appreciation was extended to the members who completed the tiling project.
- **Pedal Tractor Raffle:** Wesley Thompson purchased the Cockshutt pedal tractor for 2015 raffle prize. The pedal tractor was built in 2001 and is part of a limited edition.
- **Thanksgiving Service:** The annual Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Friday, November 28, 2014, 7:00 PM in the HH Chapel. Lunch and socializing will follow in the Threshers' Kitchen.
- **Christmas Party:** The annual membership Christmas party is scheduled for December 13, 2014 at the Montevideo Community Center, 6:00PM. A \$5.00 gift exchange will be held for all those wishing to participate. Kathy Weckworth, who was scheduled to perform at the party, will be unable to attend due to a family conflict on that date. Gerald Kleene is in process of procuring entertainment for the evening.
- **Chamber Fundraiser:** The fundraiser was held on October 24, 2014. The Field and Prairie Ag Award was presented to Heritage Hill for 2014. President Thompson accepted the award for HH. The award is located in the Threshers' Kitchen at HH.
- **Toy Tractors:** President Thompson has purchased 2 toy tractors to be given away in a drawing at the 2 upcoming events. Anyone purchasing a raffle ticket during the Granite Falls Ole and Lena Days and Great Minnesota Get Together events will be eligible for the drawing of a toy tractor.
- **Membership Meeting:** Due to historic adverse winter weather issues, the cancelation of the January and February meetings were discussed. M/S/P Gerald Kleene/Leslie Bergquist to cancel the January and February membership meetings. The Board of Directors will continue meet in January, February and March as scheduled, at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce office. The March membership meeting is scheduled at the Montevideo Community Center at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2015. The monthly newsletters will continue to be sent and the Board of Directors' meetings are open to all members wishing to attend.
- **Office Building:** The general store/office building at HH is in need of repairs. M/S/P Mick Sellman/John Sharar to have the board of directors secure estimates and present to the membership at a later date.
- **Website:** Heritage Hill has been experiencing issues with the current website provider. The Board of Directors is exploring other options.
- **Threshing Show Entertainment:** Gerald Kleene is looking into securing entertainment for the youth attending the Threshing Show and also securing sponsorships to defray costs.
- **Hot Dogs:** The hot dogs left over from the 2014 Threshing Show were donated to the Montevideo FFA to be for an upcoming fundraiser.
- M/S/P Mick Sellman/Grace Zeller to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – January and February
Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Montevideo Chamber of Commerce
Ole & Lena Days – MN West Technical College, Granite Falls
Great Western Minnesota Get Together – LqP Valley High School – Raffle Sales
Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Montevideo Community Center
(Servers: To be determined)
Montevideo Xpo – Heritage Hill
Lawn Mowing – Heritage Hill
Annual Threshing Show featuring IH Tractors & Gas Engines
Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center

Cancelled
Thursday, February 5, 2015
Saturday, February 7, 2015
Sat & Sun, February 14 & 15, 2014
Monday, March 16, 2015

Friday/Saturday, April 24 & 25, 2014
Tuesday, May 4, 2015 – 9 am
August 21, 22 & 23, 2015
Saturday, December 12, 2015

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: December 4, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm at Budger's Dinner House following the Directors' Christmas Party.

Quorum: *Present* – Hegna, Thompson, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Kanten, Kleene. Absent: Bangsund

Secretary's Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report: None

- **Christmas Party:** M/S/P Hegna/Grube to purchase five \$20.00 Runnings Supply, Inc. gift certificates for door prizes at the annual membership Christmas party December 13, 2014.
- **Children's Activities:** Kleene reported on securing a price and availability of inflatable toys to be set up at Heritage Hill during the 2015 HH Threshing Show. The cost totals \$960.00 for the delivery, set-up, and take down. M/S/P Hegna/Kanten to reserve the inflatable toys for the show in August 2015. Kleene advised that he has secured a donation from Prairie's Edge Casino to defray the cost.
- **Flag Pole:** Bergquist advised that a proposal is being developed for consideration regarding the purchase and display of a large flag pole. The flag would be illuminated and placed on the grounds where it would be visible from Minnesota Highway 7. Cost and specification are being ascertained and will be presented at a future directors' meeting. If deemed feasible by the director's the proposed project would then be recommended to the membership.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: January 8, 2015 – Cancelled due to blizzard

TREASURER'S REPORT: DECEMBER 2014

Financial Statement: December 1, 2014

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$18,003.02	General Fund	\$2,508.12	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$37,896.77	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,462.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$16,660.41	Farming Fund	\$40,404.89	TOTAL
\$40,404.89	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$40,404.89 **Balance: December 1, 2014**

Donations
\$25.00 Sally Phillips - Orel Jane Loe Memorial

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$693.00	Christmas Party	(\$40.00)	Advertising
\$25.00	Donation	(\$1,337.11)	Buttons/Plaques
\$155.00	Dues/membership	(\$1,164.78)	Christmas Party
\$4.41	Interest	(\$997.32)	Cups
\$30.00	Merchandise	(\$263.98)	Electricity
\$907.41	TOTAL	(\$5,448.26)	Farming
		(\$240.00)	Inflatable Toys - Down Payment
		(\$300.00)	Internet Service
		(\$200.00)	Lions - Church Offering
		(\$20.00)	Memorial
		(\$80.00)	Postage/Office Expense
		(\$25.00)	Raffle Expense
		(\$192.43)	Repairs
\$31,003.42	Balance: December 31, 2014	(\$10,308.88)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: December 31, 2014

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$14,024.81	General Fund	\$1,102.38	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$29,901.04	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,487.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$11,212.15	Farming Fund	\$31,003.42	TOTAL
\$31,003.42	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

The Farmer – Webb Publishing Company

For many of us growing up in rural areas, *The Farmer* magazine was a publication that had a little something for everybody. It was a magazine that was published monthly, and had local ties to Minnesota. The magazine was published in Minneapolis by Webb Publishing Company. The roots of the Webb Publishing Company goes back to its founder Edward A. Webb, born in 1852 in India, as his parents were serving as missionaries for the Congregational Church. At the age of seven his parents returned to the United States settling in Pennsylvania. Throughout his young adult life Webb dreamed of making it rich bonanza farming which drew him much further west. Webb moved to Fargo, North Dakota in 1880 with hopes of purchasing a wheat farm. His arrival was too late in the growing season to start farming. Needing money Webb started working for a Fargo newspaper, and continued his day job, as he proved not overly successful at crop farming. Two years later Webb tried raising poultry and soon became the head of a local farmer owned poultry association. With Webb's leadership the organization acquired a magazine, the *Northwestern Farmer and Breeder, a Monthly Journal for the Farm, Orchard and Household*, to keep its members apprized of new innovations. Soon the name was shortened to *Northwestern Farmer*. In 1898 the magazine was then titled *The Farmer* and then forward Webb would devote the rest of his years to the promotion of agriculture and rural life.

As a support of the Farmers Alliance, and the farmer's cooperative movement, Webb wanted his publication to include information regarding the latest agricultural innovations as well as being able to publish recent scientific research that would be beneficial to the rapidly changing agricultural environment. With current circulation of 2,500 subscribers, greater access to the University of Minnesota, resources available in a larger city, and a little encouragement from his creditors, Webb moved the publication to Saint Paul. Starting then through much of the twentieth century, farmers became reliant on *The Farmer* for advice. Farmers would write to the magazine and knew in return they would receive expert opinions backed by the latest research.



In most rural communities, information outreach of all types was relatively limited and time consuming. No instantaneous Google searches were available. The publication was also a good source of entertainment as it reached out beyond serious agricultural news. *The Farmer* included comic strips, brainteasers for the children, and the lots of useful information for the ladies. Household members who were well versed in stitchery were able to order patterns for the latest fashions. Religious columns were readily published. The magazine became the unofficial publication for corn-husking contests, an annual sporting event by the 1950's, with contests running through 1984.

Edward A. Webb died at a relatively young age in 1915, but his partners Albert Harmon and Horace Klein, continued to build the company. As the circulation increased, the Webb Company continued to acquire new printing presses as larger machines became available. To keep the printing presses busy the company continued to grow and seek new ventures, including other publications, and produced one of the first telephone directories. The company

also started an insurance company for farmers only. The Farmer's Protective Association, was initiated as a service of *The Farmer* magazine, which provided free legal advice, notifying farmers who often fell prey to scams. Often this advice was too late for some, but protected other farmers who were not yet victimized. The company started the Helping Hand Club in 1928 which provided financial assistance to children with medical needs that certain farm families could not afford.

Webb Company moved from its old downtown Saint Paul location in 1962 to its new facility located on Shepard Road. The company that started with Webb and his wife grew to about 300 employees when the company was sold to British Printing and Communication in 1986. In 1992, in an attempt to increase circulation, the company changed its publication name to *USAgriculture*. Then in 1987 the magazine was sold to Farm Progress, a publisher of agricultural and ranching magazines, and the publication was returned to its old name, *The Farmer*. Unfortunately the magazine is no longer published in Saint Paul.

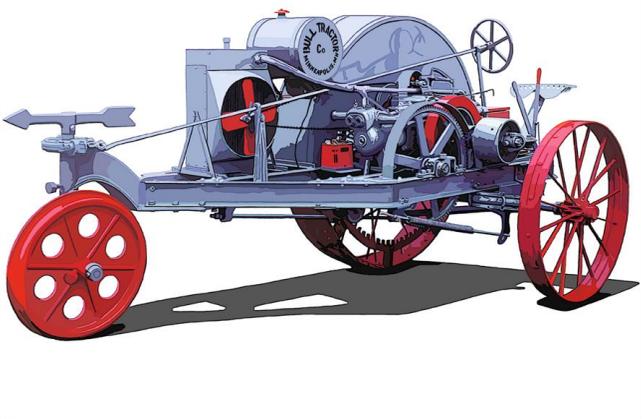


BULL TRACTOR COMPANY

The first three decades of the 1900's found the rapid rise and fall of the highly competitive tractor building industry. Some 50 tractor manufacturers, large and small, had ties to Minneapolis, Saint Paul and greater Minnesota. One of those companies with a rather sketchy existence was the Bull Tractor Company, Minneapolis. The initial demand for gasoline powered tractors was the large framed heavy weight sod buster designs. Farmers everywhere were transitioning from their once thought reliable horse power to tractor power. Soon the demand for the large, expensive, heavy weight sod busters diminished as farmers were eager to purchase a smaller, more reliable, light weight and especially less expensive tractor. Tractor manufacturers everywhere were hearing the call and racing to fill the demand, including the Bull Tractor Company. P. J. Lyons, along with several other associates, incorporated the company in January 1914. D. M. Hartsough designed the first Bull tractor. Hartsough and Lyons had worked jointly in the tractor manufacturing business prior after founding the Gas Traction Company in 1908. Bull built and sold 3,800 "Little Bull" tractors in the first year, but proved to be unreliable and built a bad reputation for the company. Soon Bull attempted to right the problems with a new "Big Bull", advertising the new design as the "ultimate tractor". Unfortunately, the Little

Bull's reputation took the company into an economic tail spin by 1917. Attempts were

made to further design a tractor and to sell it for less money. That too proved to be a failure in the already over competitive tractor market. Through 1917, Bull tractors were built in the shops of Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company. The Twin City Company soon cancelled its contracts, leaving Bull without a manufacturing factory. Hastily, Bull made plans to contract with Whitman Agricultural Company, Saint Louis, Missouri. After several months of negotiations, that at venture failed to materialize. The Bull company soon reorganized and next made arrangements to build tractors at a new Minneapolis factory – Toro Motor Company. The new plan also failed and April 1919 Bull merged with Madison Motors Corporation in Anderson, Indiana. The plight of Bull continued. By mid-1920, the Bull-Madison venture went broke and



"The Bull  with the Dull"
Kerosene or Gasoline
The Tractor That Does
Things

was sold by receivers to American Motor Parts Company.