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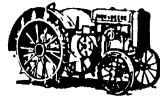
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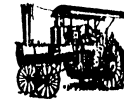
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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Greetings to all. The 2020 summer weather conditions have certainly been closer to what I remember as typical. June and most of July has been met with elevated temperatures, high humidity and some sporadic rains over the area. When I was younger the summer extreme temperatures seemed to produce more of a baking hot type of heat. In recent decades the high temperatures seem to couple with extreme humidity, making living conditions very uncomfortable, very tropical in nature. As I write this (July 27) we are experiencing one of most uncomfortable weekends of the summer. Family arrived at the farm on Saturday. The adults sat out on the deck while the children played on the lawn and ran through the sprinkler. The weather was of major interest as the area fields were becoming very dry, again, but rain was in the forecast. The relative humidity percentage levels were in the 60's and the dewpoint was in the mid 70's, making for less than desirable conditions. There was a breeze which greatly helped. Toward evening the wind died down which made sitting outside similar to setting up your lawn chair in a swimming pool! Storms arrived at about 3 am the next morning. Fortunately, 2.35 inches of rain was measured in my gauge. Like most rain events this time of year, the coverage was very spotty as some areas barely got the grass wet. There were many Appleton area reports between 7/10 to 1 inch. Fairfax, Gibbon, Winthrop, Gaylord areas and beyond, reported precipitation in varying amounts, some in excess of 10 inches. The Linder Farm Network was reporting areas of 20 to 40 acres under water. Those moisture extremes were not welcomed either.

With summer comes the haying season. Years ago when producing livestock, I had between 20 and 40 acres of alfalfa to harvest. In addition prairie hay and road ditches were cut and baled for supplementary feed. Kyle, Sam and Sawyer Ashling harvested the road ditches around my place this past week. Thanks to the lighter soils in this area, pocket gophers are a huge nemesis, a never-ending battle. The Ashlings had a less than an enjoyable experience mowing, raking and baling the infested ditches. Perseverance paid off as by Friday nightfall, they had well over 600 small square bales baled and loaded for transport. As typical of all haying days the heat and humidity levels were oppressive, which I was able to experience first-hand when helping with the stacking. One thing learned for sure, my hay stacking stamina is not what it was 20 years ago!



The Board of Directors is continually monitoring public health advisories and government issued mandates. At the August Heritage Hill Board of Directors' meeting, the board again discussed the current pandemic status as it relates to all Heritage Hill activities. Hopefully Heritage Hill membership meetings can resume sooner than later. While COVID-19 virus spread has remained limited in rural areas, we all know caution cannot be thrown to the wind. While the risk in our area may be low at this time, we need to be careful how we proceed so as to not add to the current issues. If and when Heritage Hill membership meetings should resume, announcements will be made, accordingly. Planning for the 2021 Heritage Hill Threshing Show will continue with the hope that public assemblies will be allowed at that time. As mentioned most every month, if you have any constructive ideas or thoughts that will enhance Heritage Hill and the Threshing Show, please contact someone on the board.

Candidates for the October Heritage Hill elections are still needed. A few members have expressed interest in various positions. Nominees for President are still needed. I do not intend to run for a third term. For the health of the organization, the position needs to be rotated with fresh ideas every few years. The support from the board and the members have been greatly appreciated. Bob Schultz has offered to HELP run the nominating committee. If you have a desire to run for an office or can encourage someone else to, please contact Bob, Dustin, or any other officers or directors.

**Stay safe and healthy! Thanks, Chip Grube, President**



## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**Membership Meeting** Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

**CANCELLED DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS.**

**Board Meeting**

Sunday, August 30, 2020 6:00 pm @ Heritage Hill

**Heritage Days 2021**

June 18 - 19, 2021

**Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 12, 2020

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: July 21, 2020 – Grant Schmeig, Secretary

COVID-19 Cancellation

## DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: August 2, 2020 – Robert Schultz, Acting Secretary

President Grube called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Sunday, August 8, 2020 in the Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen.

Grube led the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members present: Ashling, Coon, Grube, Schmeig, Schultz. Absent – Bergquist, Finn, Johnson, Kleene, Thissen.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Schmeig read the July 5, 2020 Directors' Meeting minutes. M/S/P Schultz/Ashling to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: President Grube presented the July 2020 Treasurer's Report. M/S/P Ashling/Coon to accept the report as presented.

- **Bernice Olean Donation:** has numerous items to donate to Heritage Hill including a wooden wagon and various old tools. Ashling suggest we send his father, Lannie, to check out the items. Ashling will report back with findings.
- **Bob Condon Donation:** Condon offered to donate items including harnesses, end gate seeder, and fanning mill. M/S/P Schultz/Ashling to decline the offer, as the items are not needed.
- **Elections:** Bob Schultz will contact additional potential candidates suggested at meeting regarding open board positions for the October election to determine their level of interest in serving on the HH board.
- **Election Ballots:** Due to COVID, voting will be by ballot included in the newsletter. Those receiving electronic newsletters can print out and mail in the ballot. Responses must be returned postmarked by October 26, 2020, ballots will be tabulated by a third-party person on Nov 1, 2020. MSP Ashling/Schultz to authorize mail in ballots as outlined. (this will be further reviewed at the next board meeting)
- **Raffle 2021:** Need to set up new date for raffle ticket sales to resume.
- **Old Lumber:** Need to source some old rustic lumber to build a small building for a still.
- **Bleachers:** numerous broken boards in bleachers, need to be fixed before the next show.
- **Adjournment:** MSP Ashling/Schmeig to adjourn the meeting.

## EXTRA: Associated Manufacturing Co.

An antique gasoline engine quite often restored and displayed at threshing show is the "Associated", not overly common but there are a significant number found in among collectors. History indicates that a large number of Associated engines were sold in the early 1900's, but not much history exists about the company. Most of what is known about Associated is documented in C.H. Wendell's American Gasoline Engines book. Like many gasoline engine manufacturers, the Associated company first manufactured other equipment. The roots of Associated goes back to 1898 when the Dairy Separator Co. first developed a very successful hand powered milk separator. The company, located in Waterloo, Iowa grew rapidly and the business expanded. At the same time there was an ever-increasing demand for small gasoline powered engines; the company responded to the laws of supply and demand by engineering and soon producing its own line of engines. When the company was ready to market its engines, the business reincorporated as Associated Manufacturer Co. in 1909. Throughout the history of Associated there would be 11 branch plants scattered throughout the United States. For the next two decades Associated was marketed its own gasoline engines under names including Mule Team, a twin cylinder Iowa Oversize, Hired Man, and the most popular Chore Boy. As with many companies, Associated was met with a few failures, including the Colt  $\frac{3}{4}$  horsepower. As Wendell notes in his writings: "The former factory superintendent of Associated's Independence, Iowa plant once told the author that for every 100 Colts shipped it seemed like we got 200 back" Associate also became successful in the wholesale industry of gasoline engines, as was common practice in those days, mostly through the mail order catalog business. Other companies, very successful at marketing, and maybe not so successful at manufacturing, would purchase large quantities of proven gasoline engines, develop their own brand name, tagging the engine accordingly. Subsequently, Associated dabbled into other equipment lines including gasoline engine powered tractors and truck. Despite the company expenditure of huge financial resources in research and development, reportedly, none of these ventures were ever successful. One such attempt was the Iowa Twin Cylinder engines, which were the largest of the Iowa Oversize line. It was essentially a tractor engine adapted to stationary use by the addition of a big cast iron pedestal. Wendel again notes: "A study of (a) photograph reveals some striking similarities to the tractor engines being built in Waterloo by the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company. While there may be some doubt whether this engine was actually built by Associated, there is no question that the remainder of the Associated line was built in Associated's own factories." History research has never revealed any corporate alliance or contractual arrangement between Associated and Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company. The only history of an Associated branch plant was found printed in the company newsletter *Chore Boy*, then reprinted in the 31 January 1916 company *Farm Implements* publication. F.C. Ohly, manager of the Minneapolis Associated Manufacturer Co. branch wrote and boasted that the Minneapolis plant was superior to, and outperformed, any other Associated branch office.



## EXTRA: Appleton Minnesota Origins

In 1868, on their way west the Addison Phelps family passed a pleasing area with water, trees, and prairie for farming. Instead of taking a chance further west they decided to take a claim at the mouth of the Pomme de Terre River. Other settlers followed, including two civil war veterans, A.W. Lanthop and his brother W.V. Lanthop. The Lanthop brothers were the first to take advantage of the waterpower available in the area. In 1872 they built a flour mill on the banks of the Pomme de Terre. The W.J. Jennison Flour Mill, a descendent of the Lanthop Flour Mill ran on the banks of the Pomme de Terre until late 1960's. As the area began to fill with settlers mostly Eastern Americans, Germans, and Scandinavians, a few of the men met and decided to organize and plot out a township call Phelps, after Addison Phelps. Phelps



later requested the town's name be changed to Appleton, in honor of the city he grew up in, Appleton, WI. On September 4, 1872 the township of Appleton was formed. A petition was sent to the state Senate and the House of State Legislature on December 25, 1880 asking for the formation of the Village of Appleton. The assessor reported the population at the time was 633.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: July 2020**

**Financial Statement: July 1, 2020**

Internal Accounts

13,108.16	General Fund
4,513.00	Chapel Fund
15,091.15	Farming Fund
10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$42,712.31</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Depository Accounts

\$2,115.40	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$40,596.91	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$42,712.31</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

**Operating Statement**

**\$42,712.31**      **Balance: July 1, 2020**

RECEIPTS

\$100.00	Check 3753 Cancelation
\$90.00	Donations
\$4.92	Interest
\$595.00	Membership Dues
\$10.00	Merchandise
\$45.00	Web Page Refund
<b>\$844.92</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$181.09)	Electricity
(\$1,661.60)	Farming Expense
(\$194.40)	Internet Fee
(\$55.00)	Office Postage
(\$100.62)	Refuse Removal
(\$607.39)	Repair
<b>(\$2,800.10)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$40,757.13**      **Balance: July 31, 2020**

**Financial Statement: July 31, 2020**

Internal Accounts

12,814.58	General Fund
4,513.00	Chapel Fund
13,429.55	Farming Fund
10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$40,757.13</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Depository Accounts

\$2,155.30	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$38,601.83	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$40,757.13</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

