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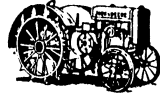
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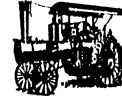
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. With autumn coming to a close, it appears another year of crop production is about completed. When traveling the rural areas a handful of corn fields can be found that need to be harvested, but those fields are few and far between. The fall tillage is not far behind and most likely will be completed in a week or two. The 2015 crop production season is one for the history books. I have been close to farming all my life and this season has to be the best that I can remember. The rain falls were perfect, never too much to cause flood damage, and precipitation fell whenever there was a hint it was getting a little dry. In addition the heat units were ample, but never too hot to cause stress to the vegetation. Reportedly, area corn yields exceeded 200 bushels per acre and soybeans yielded between 55 and 60 bushels per acre, some fields doing a little better. In early and middle October Heritage Hill members gathered at the hill to harvest the corn raised on the county land. The corn crib was refilled with about 1,000 bushels of cobbled corn, and other 4,600 bushels were harvested, hauled and sold at the elevator. At the end of the day the county land yielded about 132 bushels to the acre. Unfortunately, there are about 13 acres of the county land that yielded no crop due to inadequate drainage. Despite the timely rains this area did flood again in 2015. Heritage Hill is again very grateful to Chippewa County for the continued use of the land. The crop produced continues to be an important fundraiser for Heritage Hill.

Thanks is extended to Sally Philips who volunteered and coordinated the 2015 nominating committee, who spent a considerable amount of time contacting Heritage Hill members, sparking their interest as possible 2016 board of director members. Thanks are also extended to all Heritage Hill members who agreed to run for various officer and director positions. The annual election was held October 20. At the end of the evening the following members were elected and will be serving on the board in 2016: Gerald Kleene, President; Orlynn Hegna, Vice President; Monica Engen, Secretary; Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer; Kyle Ashling, Stephen Coon, Chip Grube, Dustin Johnson and Ron Molde, Directors. Special thanks go out to Marlys Heath, Floyd Kanten, Mick Sellman, James Roe and the late LuVerne Bangsund for their longtime dedication to the board of directors. I would like to thank the membership for your past support, commitment and volunteerism, while I served as President 10 out of the past 11 years. It has been a very educational and interesting experience, one which I will always cherish. It has been an honor to serve such a great organization. Looking forward, I will not be going away as I will continue to serve on the board as the past president.

I always find the origin of words fascinating. Currently there are 1,025,109 words in the English language, and the origin of most words we too often take for granted. Most of us learned the English language and its related words by listening to others in our infant years, with no concern for the origin or words. For me I first learned Norwegian so speaking English has been a challenge most of my life. Over the years, while interested in farm machinery, I have read many accounts as to the origin of the word "tractor". The most common version goes back to an individual W.H. Williams who in 1906 was writing advertising for Hart-Parr Company. He was struggling with the cumbersome term "gasoline traction engine", when the word "tractor" flashed into his mind. It was a word that combined "traction" and "motor". Soon the newly coined term tractor becomes part of every equipment dealer and farmer's vocabulary. The term is still alive and well with modern day tractors currently rolling off assembly lines. What I did not know until recently is that there may be another source of the word "tractor". There is strong evidence the real origin came from the Latin word "trahere", which means "to pull or draw". Just thought that would be another interesting tractor collecting fun fact to pass along.



With Veteran's Day upon us, this is a good time to recognize all United States Veterans and continue to extend thanks. Your service and sacrifices made this country the greatest nation in the world. Most World War II Veterans are now 90+ years old and are disappearing fast. According to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, approximately 855,000 out of 16,000,000 US veterans remain alive today. In Minnesota there are only about 15,000 remaining WWII veterans. Currently, throughout the United States, 492 WWII Veterans die each day. It is estimated by the year 2036, the last surviving WWII will be deceased. If ever looking for a travel destination, the National WWII Museum tells the story of the American Experience in the *war that changed the world* – why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today – so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. If you are looking for a travel destination a little closer to home, visit the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum in Granite Falls to gain an equal appreciation of the WWII experience. On Veteran's Day please take the opportunity to thank a veteran for his or her service.

Just a reminder that November will be the last Heritage Hill membership meeting for the winter. No membership meetings are scheduled for December 2015, January 2016 and February 2016. Heritage Hill board of directors' meetings will continue to be held in January and February. Any member interested is welcome to attend directors' meeting if you wish. If you have any issues that needed to be discussed, please advise one of the board members. I hope to see you November 17 at Heritage Hill.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership meeting

Tuesday, November 17th 2015

Servers for membership meeting Les and Sue Bergquist, Orlynn and Carol Hegna, Bob Lerohl and Merlyn and Ruth Hanson.

Directors meeting & Christmas Party at Budgers

Thursday Dec 3, 2015

Annual Christmas party

Saturday December 12, 2015

January Directors Meeting Chamber Office

Thursday January 7, 2016

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: November 5, 2015

Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Sellman, Roe. *Absent*: Kleene, Kanten *Guests*:2

Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the October 1, 2015 directors meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/Sellman to approve the minutes

Treasurer Bergquist gave the October 2015 financial report M/S/P Hegna/Grube to approve the report.

- **Donation Plaque:** The metal plaque in memory of Donald Holtan has been completed. The plaque will be mounted on a wooden base before it is displayed in the Thresher's Kitchen.
- **Montevideo Art Display:** The 10-20 McCormick tractor, which was donated to the Montevideo Art Projects, has been transferred from Heritage Hill to a new site where it will be restored into an art display to be located in the city of Montevideo
- **Refrigerator:** The new refrigerator for the Thresher's Kitchen is scheduled to be delivered to Heritage Hill on Thursday, November 12, 2015.
- **Live Music:** Information was received from a member about a music group that would be available during the Threshing Show in 2016. A discussion was held about the pros and cons of having live music. M/S/P Grube/Sellman to table the subject until after the first of January, 2016.
- **Thanksgiving Service:** There was no information available about having a Friday evening Thanksgiving Church Service.
- **Facility Usage:** Jim Roe will continue to be the contact person for reserving the usage of the buildings or the grounds at Heritage Hill. There is no activity scheduled for the months of November thru March. The MAAPS meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2016 at Heritage Hill. The Thresher's Kitchen is reserved for private parties on May 13, 2016 and August 6, 2016.
- **Adjourn:** M/S/P Hegna/Molde to adjourn the meeting

MEMEBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: October 20, 2015

Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum 57 Present: VP Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the September 22, 2015 Membership meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Merlyn Hanson to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist gave the September 2015 financial report M/S/P Jim Roe/Peter Anderson to approve the report.

- **Farm Committee Report:** The corn harvesting has been completed. The crib has been filled and Orlynn Hegna completed the combining. The moisture content was low and some areas of the acreage was drowned out. Thank you to all the workers who helped with the harvesting.
- **Pictures:** Richard Emch has several pictures of tractors and machinery that he will display on the walls in the Chippewa Building.
- **Feature Tractor:** Floyd Hilbrands has a 1956 Massey Harris MH50 tractor that he has submitted for the feature tractor for 2016. This is the last Massey Harris manufactured before the company changed to Massey Ferguson. He has owned the tractor for 10 years and it was restored after his purchase. M/S/P Doug Norman/Richard Emch to approve Floyd Hilbrands' tractor to be the feature for 2016.
- **2016 Membership Meetings:** M/S/P Sally Phillips Helling/Merlyn Hanson to cancel the membership meetings for the months of January and February 2016. The March 2016 membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center in Montevideo. The Board of Directors will meet on the First Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in January, February, and March at the Chamber of Commerce Building on 1st Street in Montevideo.
- **Jackets:** Jacket orders were accepted by Monica Engen and Sandy Faehn following the meeting.
- **Election:** Jim Roe presented the nominees and opened the nominations from the floor for the election of officers and directors for 2016. Nominees were: President -Gerald Kleene. Vice-President-Orlynn Hegna. Secretary- Monica Engen. Treasurer-Les Bergquist.

3-two year terms and the 1-one year term for directors were Kyle Ashling, Stephen Coon, Beth Schneider Finn, Chip Grube, Terry Holen, Dustin Johnson, and Floyd Kantan. The voting was completed by paper ballot. The results of the election for 2016 are as follows.

President : Gerald Kleene

Vice President: Orlynn Hegna

Secretary: Monica Engen

Treasurer: Les Bergquist

2 year Directors term: Chip Grube, Kyle Ashling, Dustin Johnson,

1 year Director Term: Stephen Coon will complete the term vacated by Gerald Kleene

Thank you to Sally Phillips Helling for securing the new nominations for 2016.

- **Raffle:** Ron Molde presented estimates to the Board of Directors for 3 shot guns. The board recommended the purchase of the Browning A5 for the price of about \$1400.00 including a hard case. After a presentation of the various guns available M/S/P Les Bergquist/Marilyn Norman to purchase the Browning A5 to be raffled at the 2016 Threshing Show. 750 tickets will be sold at \$10.00 each. Second prize will be \$500.00, Third Prize will be \$300.00 and Fourth prize will be \$200.00.
- **Stage Repair:** The windows have been replaced on the stage structure. Thank you to Glen Hilden and Chet Beavers completing the replacements.
- **MAAPS:** Gerald Kleene reported on the MAAPS meeting that he recently attended. This is a group of representatives from Minnesota Farm Shows that meet and share their successes and failures with each other in order to better all the shows. At the past meeting they discussed insurance; the attendance (which was down at all the shows); giving a stipend to the non member volunteers; better paper work between vendors and the organization; and events for children. The next meeting will be held at Heritage Hill in April 2016.
- **Heritage Hill Grounds:** President Thompson thanked the volunteers for keeping the grounds in good condition. All work is complete until spring.
- **Refrigerator:** The brand of refrigerator which was originally approved for purchase was found to be of poor quality. The Alexandria Restaurant Supply suggested the purchase of a True Brand for the price of \$3450.00 plus \$100.00 for delivery and disposal of the old refrigerator. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Chip Grube to purchase the True Brand for the sum of \$3550.00. There is a 3 year warranty on parts and labor and a 5 year warranty on the compressor. Thank you to President Wes Thompson for all the calls and road work connected with this purchase.
- **Kitchen Floor:** The insurance company contracted Larry Happy to polish the floor in the kitchen. At the time of the membership meeting half of the floor was completed and will be finished in the near future.
- **Adjourn:** M/S/P Peter Anderson/Glen Coon to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 2015

Financial Statement: October 1, 2015

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$23,646.89	General Fund	\$4,036.38	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$34,925.35	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,417.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$11,485.55	Farming Fund	\$38,961.73	TOTAL
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Operating Statement

\$38,961.73 **Balance: October 1, 2015**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$14,467.99	Corn Sales	(\$40.00)	Advertising
\$50.00	Dues/membership	(\$103.36)	Electricity
\$4.74	Interest	(\$597.82)	Food
\$71.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$49.00)	Postage/Office Expense
\$200.00	Plow Sale	(\$100.00)	Pulling Track
\$70.00	Threshing Show: Food	(\$890.18)	TOTAL
\$800.00	USDA Payment		
\$15,663.73	TOTAL		

\$53,735.28 **Balance: October 31, 2015**

Financial Statement: October 31, 2015

Internal Accounts

\$28,905.99	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$3,417.39	Chapel Fund
\$21,000.00	Farming Fund
\$53,735.28	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$18,805.48	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$34,929.80	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$53,735.28	TOTAL

Christmas Party 2015 – Registration

- The annual Heritage Hill Christmas Party has been scheduled, you are invited to attend.*
- Date;** December 12, 2014 - Doors Open at 5PM Serving begins at 6 PM
- Location;** Montevideo Senior Community Center, South Town Plaza Montevideo
- Cost** \$11.00 per person Prepaid
- Questions;** Please call Marlys Heath, 320-769-4638
- Optional Gift Exchange;** if interested you may bring a \$5 gift to exchange labeled “man” or “Women”
- Entertainment;** Program by Kathy Weckwerth of Best Life Ministries

2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual membership dues are due and payable ***prior to January 1, 2016***

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.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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On October Karen & I traveled to the Lake Region Pioneer Farmers show site near Lake Itasca to attend the fall MAAPS meeting. After the meeting we were treated to a tour of their show grounds. They had completed a sawmill restoration project that we first saw four years ago, and personally I thought was only a dream. It was a massive project, restoring an old 8” steam powered band saw. The restoration included rebuilding the stationary boiler, steam engine, band saw and log table including the steam piston that drives the table. This also included putting a roof over all this machinery. I can’t imagine the hours dedicated to this project, but seeing is believing. It was operational. They were able to saw lumber at a high speed. We would like to share some pictures of the saw. The next part of the project is to build a saw blade sharpening building.

