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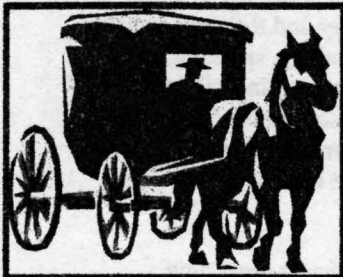
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LIFE AS WE SAW IT IN OUR DAY: AS A GIRL IN MY HOME

Talk given by Mary Yousey Moser (1886-1974), April 5, 1970
Daughter of Joseph B. & Catherine Steria Yousey. Notes taken
by Arlene Yousey

Born in a log cabin. Table in one corner, bed in the other corner where we girls slept. Boys slept in the loft up stairs. One iron stove which heated the whole cabin. On stove always for hot water was the teakettle that needed a griddle removed and set directly over the fire. Behind the table was a bench where several pails of water were carried each morning and night so men would have enough for washing and enough for the daily household needs.

AMHA welcomes new members. See application in this newsletter.....Send it today to Carolyn Henry.



At age nine or ten an addition was started which was later to be used as a kitchen. Was two or three years in building until the new part was finished. The two were very close together with only a step or two between and used both until the new part was finished and the log cabin torn down. Three brothers and I walked almost two miles to school. In winter no tract so boys walked ahead and made track for me. They walked faster and would get ahead and then wait for me to catch up. No overshoes, only homemade wool stockings and high shoes. No fire at the school so they would build it. School hours were from 9:00 – 4:00. Would walk home at night and arrive about 4:30-5:00 and sometimes it was a bit dark. The summer when the carpenters were working on the house stayed out of school. In the fall I didn't go to school and in a few days the truant officer came to inquire the reason. Mother didn't say much and I told him I stayed out of school when the carpenters were working on the house to help mother and besides I didn't like school very well. The officer called me back to school. He said the law demanded that for two years one must put in eighty days and then entitled to stay out. I went back and inquired several times if the eighty days were up and always the teacher replied I needed more. Again I inquired and the teacher replied I had attended eighty two days but that did not mean I should stop.

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Mother had a large garden which was enclosed with a picket fence and always was spaded. Two paths ran crisscross the garden, each lined with flowers. She had both red and black currants and gooseberries. When currants had worms on them she had the boys cut specific kind of bush and steeped it in the pig kettle in the smoke house. Then taking the sprinkler she sprayed this solution on the currants and the worms died. Her garden contained many herbs. One

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specifically, had black roots she used for healing. For boils she used beeswax and sheep tallow along with a herb ingredient, acting as a poultice, and then the black root mentioned above mixed with unsalted melted butter.

Father was a minister and never missed church services when health permitted. When roads were too bad for horse travel he would walk. Would walk from home to Simon Lehman's place, which was eight to nine miles. Church began at 9:00 a.m. Ended the talk as a summary of Titus 2 saying "Older women are to be examples to the younger ones."

The aged men and women Sunday School classes gave the Sunday Evening Program at the Croghan Mennonite Church. The above was given by Mary Housey Moser (Mrs. John B.) on April 5, 1970, as part of that program.



ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS

By Carolyn Henry

Zwanzigstein Fest 2005 had the theme "You Can Make A Difference". New this year was a silent auction, a display of small tools, chip carving, rug hooking, hand painted slides of the 19th century, scrapbooks of Arletha Zehr Yoder and Roland Lyndaker with his genealogy book. The activities of bread making, soap making, quilt tying, woodworking, chair caning, spinning, iron work, wagon rides, the scrub board, noodle making, taffy pull, cookie making, displays and of course, our walking-talking tour of the house continues to be enjoyed by young and old. We cannot forget the food. Some came mainly for that reason. Someone said don't change a thing. Others appreciate the peacefulness they experience at the Homestead. Some come back year after year and say I'll be back next year. One lady asked about making a quilt. She had quilt blocks in the attic from her family. She said I'm going home and get them out and make a quilt. About 500 people came. It was a great day!

Apple Fest was enjoyed by the children. Cider making and flying kites and a wagon ride top the list. We had a great time.

Our annual meeting consisted of a dinner for its members before the meeting. The fellowship was nice.

The candy/bake sale at Valentine's started our fundraising for the year. At Easter time Joyce Moser made ham loaf. How delicious! Pine Grove Church held a chicken barbeque and bake sale in June and gave the proceeds to AMHA. Thank You! We had a rummage sale in Lowville in September. At the Harvest of the Arts we sold pie and ice cream. Everyone likes home made pies. Lowville Mennonite Church includes AMHA in their budget. Thank You! Other individuals make a monetary donation. Thank You! Your support is appreciated. We thank you for your help in supporting AMHA. Our faith heritage is something we cherish and want to pass it on.



SUMMER ON THE FARM

By Carolyn Henry

During July and August the Farm is opened from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This year we had Gladys and Elmer Naftziger, Ellen and Arlene Yousey, Pat Falton, Richard and Eileen Zehr, Doris and Harold Steria, Pearl Zehr, Ralph and LaVeda Taube, Joyce Moser, Phyllis and Norman Lyndaker, Marcia Lyndaker and Carolyn Henry serving as volunteer guides. We had about 60 guests this summer more than in previous years. We also had members of the Zehr Reunion come on one Sunday afternoon. The guests were pleased to have come. Some had questions and all were interested in the history of the Anabaptists—our forefathers. Admission is by donations.

No doubt we will do this again next summer. If you would like to volunteer next summer, contact Phyllis Lyndaker.

You will find it relaxing and rewarding.

RALPH'S HOBBIES

By Ralph Taube

Ralph has been on the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage for several terms. He has enjoyed being handy man for the farm.

At Apple Fest, he makes apple cider the old-fashioned way. The children take a turn at pressing the apples through the old-fashioned press. Ralph and the children have a tasting party with homemade cider and store bought cider. The children always pick the cider they helped Ralph make.

Ralph has an apple peeler he purchased years ago at Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio. The children love to watch and help Ralph turn the crank. They like to see the piles of apple peel pile up higher and higher.

Ralph also enjoys small appliance and clock repair for small and large clocks.
Just a few of Ralph's hobbies!



Thank you, Ralph E. Taube

P.S. I am retired and I am so busy that I don't know when I ever had time to work full time for 38 & 1/2 years!!

LaVeda M. Taube's Zucchini Bread

2 cups sugar	1 tsp. salt
1 cup oil	½ tsp. Baking powder
3 eggs	1 tsp. Baking soda
3 tsp. Vanilla	1 ½ tsp. Cinnamon
2 cups shredded zucchini	1 ½ tsp. Nutmeg
3 cups flour	1 cup chopped walnuts or raisins

Mix well: sugar, oil, eggs, vanilla and zucchini. Mix well dry ingredients together and add to wet ingredients. Mix well and pour in 2 greased loaf tins. (I usually make my mixture in at least 4-5 small bread tins.)

AMHA MEMBERSHIP *By Phyllis Lyndaker*

Once again Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association is making an appeal for more people to become members even as we did in the first newsletter in 1991. Prior to that 39 people had made the decision to affirm and support the underlying Christian purpose of AMHA. That stated purpose is to:

- a. "preserve our Mennonite heritage (based in its Anabaptist origin of 1525"
- b. "share our unique Christian faith story with our world and"
- c. "keep intact artifacts of the North Country Amish Mennonite Settlement

Does that sound like something you would be interested in, get excited about and use your gifts and talents, time and money for? The Board of Directors welcome you to become a member with us. We need the support and expertise you can give to better carry out our purpose.

A question we often get asked is "Why should I become a member?" or "What benefit is there in being a member?". Frankly, the tangible benefits are few—(a benefit one year was a complimentary dinner meal). We can't promise you a certain per cent of our "stock gain" because we don't have stocks. I'd say it's more the idea of what can I do for the Heritage Association. I'd say it's the special blessing of identifying with an organization that stands for something important to me and knowing I'm doing something to preserve my costly Anabaptist heritage (our forefathers died for it). I'd say you can be assured of great fellowship, of a bond that develops from working together and of fulfillment that comes from pursuing a goal that will enlighten future generations.

The Mennonite Heritage Association works diligently to keep its heritage alive and pertinent for today. We invite you to become a member with us. The application form is on the back page. Your donation is your choice. Blessings and many thanks!

WISH LIST.....

Several items on our previous list were donated! Thank You!!!

- Still Needed:
- Fry Pans
 - Cooking Pots: 1—6 qt. 1—2 Or 3 qt.
 - Mallet to pound in stakes
 - Cookie Sheets
 - Cake Pan: 9 x 13 or smaller



Monetary donations toward a 10 x 20 tent:



Mail to:

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To be completed by applicant

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Phone _____

The purpose of the application is to (a) _____ which is to be placed in the _____ of the _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____ (i) _____ (j) _____ (k) _____ (l) _____ (m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____ (p) _____ (q) _____ (r) _____ (s) _____ (t) _____ (u) _____ (v) _____ (w) _____ (x) _____ (y) _____ (z) _____

I do affirm that I am in sympathy with and shall support the activities and purposes of the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association.

Signature _____

Amount of donation _____

Please send payment to Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association

Check or money order payable to _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____