

Notes From The Farm

NEWSLETTER OF THE ADIRONDACK MENNONITE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

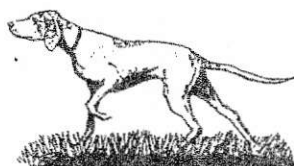
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Z - Fest

The first annual Zwanzigstein Fest sponsored by the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association was held at the Heritage Farm near Kirschnerville on July 4. Events for the day included some of the following: quilting, spinning and weaving, bread making, cutting hay, wagon rides, stories of the past, crosscut sawing, and the Anabaptist story.

The name Zwanzigstein means 20 stones and signifies the approximately 20 original Mennonite immigrant families that settled in Lewis county. The symbolic element of the name is borrowed from Joshua 4.



The purpose of the Association is to interpret and preserve the history of the Lewis County Mennonites in order to strengthen the emphases unique to our faith within our own community and to share them with the larger community.

Much of this copy of our newsletter is given to reporting the events of the Z- Fest. The association wishes to thank each person who contributed and especially the planning committee chaired by Carolyn Henry for their good work.

1991 Calendar

Pie Sale..... Nov.27

Amish supper(tentative) fall/winter



FROM THE REGISTRATION BOOK...

Out of state people attending Z-Fest came from:

Alabama	North Dakota
Washington	Mississippi
Illinois	Wyoming
Kentucky	Connecticut
South Carolina	Oklahoma
Arizona	Vermont
Virginia	Rhode Island
Florida	Colorado
Pennsylvania	Texas
Maryland	Canada
Indiana	Germany
Ohio	

...also, 82 cities and towns within New York State were represented.

- fest tally -

INCOME:

Crafts.....	\$ 288.15
Bake sale.....	\$ 630.85
Lemonade.....	\$ 323.15
Lunch.....	\$ 647.40
Books.....	\$ 68.50
Entrance.....	\$1,802.00
Ice cream.....	\$ 153.15
Total	\$3,913.20

EXPENSES:

Advertizing.....	\$ 325.66
Food.....	\$ 169.09
Books.....	\$ 174.11
Toilets.....	\$ 128.40
Total	\$ 797.26

NET PROFIT..... \$3,115.94

My Thoughts

July 4th was getting closer. what still had to be done? Will we be ready? Should we be doing it this year? Will we break even? What will we do with the left over soup? These and more questions came to my mind often.

Then it was July 2nd and 3rd. How excited I was! Oh yes, still questions, still wondering if many would come, but things were going well and still the feeling of excitement was there.

It was here- July 4 and Zwanzigstein Fest. Cars, people, baked goods, craft items, horses, questions and work even before 10 o'clock. What a day it was! It was so good to see people smiling, relaxing, visiting, wanting to hear the stories of the past and wanting to hear about our faith.

With over a thousand people registered, the soup was gone(I only had a teaspoon), no cookies nor ice cream left. I did not get my ride to the cemetery, nor did I get to hear the Anabaptist story, nor did I get to finish the contest. But I was so happy. The day was great.



God's hand was there. Bumping into the iron pipes around the tent made us realize that they had to be wrapped. We never would have thought of this. He held the rain off all day so no wonder it poured after we were through.

God gets the praise and glory for this day. His name was glorified July 4th.

Many thanks to the committee. Each one was so willing to take responsibilities. Thanks to the board members for your support and helping hands. many thanks to each one who helped in any way.

Chairperson: Carolyn L. Henry

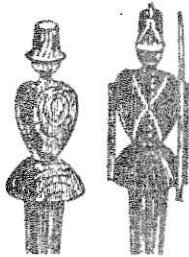
Reflection

July 4th, 1991 was a special day for us. We were asked to work at registration for the Zwanzigstein Fest. We had mixed feelings as what to expect. Would people come? Would people really be interested in the Moser homestead? As we looked out across the hayfield to the parking lot and saw all the cars coming in and all the people coming in to register, we were truly thankful to God.

So many families came, parents, grandparents, (many who had grown up in the area) children and grandchildren. People came from near and far... many states were represented. It was interesting to visit with people, especially the older ones, some of whom had gone to school with my dad, Andrew M. Widrick. Many were born in the area and have since moved away but came back especially for Zwanzigstein Fest.

We have a rich heritage and hopefully we will be able to preserve some of what God has done for us. We feel we really need to share our heritage and our Christian beliefs with our friends and neighbors. We will remember July 4th, 1991 forever.

Ralph and LaVeda Taube



Children's Games

Approximately 30 children participated in games on the front lawn. The "old" games that were played long ago, were "new" games to the children. "Drop the Hankey" and "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button", were unfamiliar games but lots of fun. They seemed the most fascinated by observing old wooden toys used long ago. Each one was eager to try a wooden toy to see how it worked.

Pearl Zehr

COMMENTS:

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A good day, everything was well planned, good to see and visit folks I hadn't seen in years.

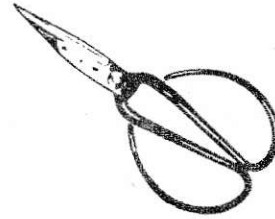
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A beautiful alternative to the July 4 celebration at Fort Drum.

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I'd pay \$6.50 for a Mennonite pie if I could get one. (they were all sold)

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Where else can you take a family for that price?

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It wasn't worth coming, it wasn't worth \$2, expected to see more antiques.

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How long have you been doing this?

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What are you going to do with the place?

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** THE ANABAPTIST STORY **

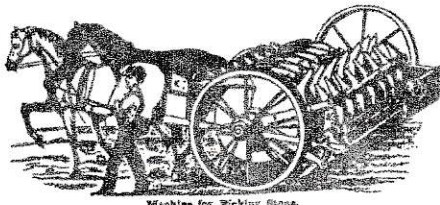
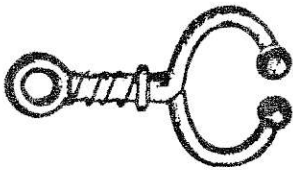
The sharing of the Anabaptist story proved to be of interest to Mennonites and non-Mennonites. Each of the three times it was told the room full of people listened with much attentiveness. Some stayed longer to dialogue further. The major goal was to share something of the deep Biblical faith that shaped the lifestyle of our ancestors. This aspect of the Zwanzigstein Fest helped to inform people about the vigorous faith dimension of our Christian heritage. Attendance, attentiveness and response far exceeded what was anticipated.

Phyllis Lyndaker

What's it answer: A cattle leader.

"What's It"

Can you identify this tool used by many dairy farmers. Answer p.3



Machine for Picking Grass.

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Membership Items

Do you remember our three goals for 1991?

- 1) To have each member find one new member this year.
- 2) To form standing committees from the membership to carry out the tasks of the association. Committees are: membership, fundraising, program, buildings and grounds, artifacts and collections.
- 3) For each member to make a gift of \$10 to the association

**** Currently, donations of \$10 or more have been given by 8 members and 2 \$304.00 mortgage payments have been made by three members. THANK YOU.

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