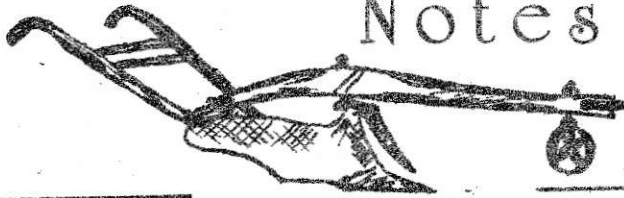


Notes From The Farm



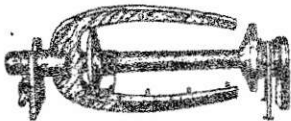
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Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association was held Saturday May 5 at 7:30 P.M. at the Naumburg Mennonite fellowship hall. Approximately thirty persons attended. A brief business meeting included the election of three persons to the board of directors; Ralph Taube, Pearl Zehr and Evan Zehr. The board currently has nine persons each serving three year terms. After the business meeting, refreshments were served followed by the feature program presented by Gordon Hunsburger of St. Jacobs, Ontario. Gordon and his wife Tillie, a retired farmer and missionary couple, have donated much free time to "The Meeting Place".



The Meeting Place and Interpretive Center of Mennonite Faith and Life was founded over ten years ago and is located in a building in downtown St. Jacobs. St. Jacobs and the surrounding area attracts a large tourist trade which brings many people through the doors of The Meeting Place, which depicts through exhibits and multi-media, the life and faith of the Mennonites. Through slides and narration Gordon showed the history and ministry of The Meeting Place along with the local color of the many Anabaptist related groups which live in and around the St. Jacobs area.

1991 Calendar

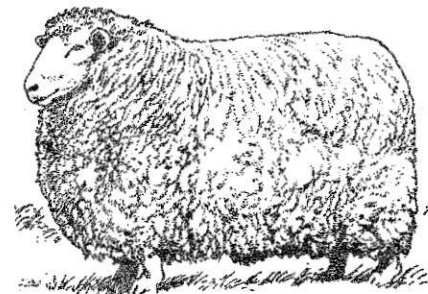
Candy Sale.....	2/8/91
Annual Meeting.....	April
Work Days(To be announced).....	Spring
Annual Fund Raising Event.....	July
Sunday Summer Programs with Norman & Phyllis Lyndaker, (dates to be announced).....	Summer
Pie Sale.....	Fall

Tentative Events:

- Heritage bus trip to Ontario, Canada
- Drama Production

PURPOSE OF THE AMHA *****

The purpose of this association is to: 1) Preserve our Mennonite heritage based in its Anabaptist origin of 1525 2) Share our unique Christian faith story with our world, 3) Keep intact artifacts of the North Country Amish Mennonite Settlement. We believe that we have a story of faith and life that is valuable for us to preserve and share and for others to hear.



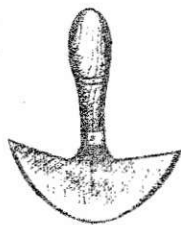
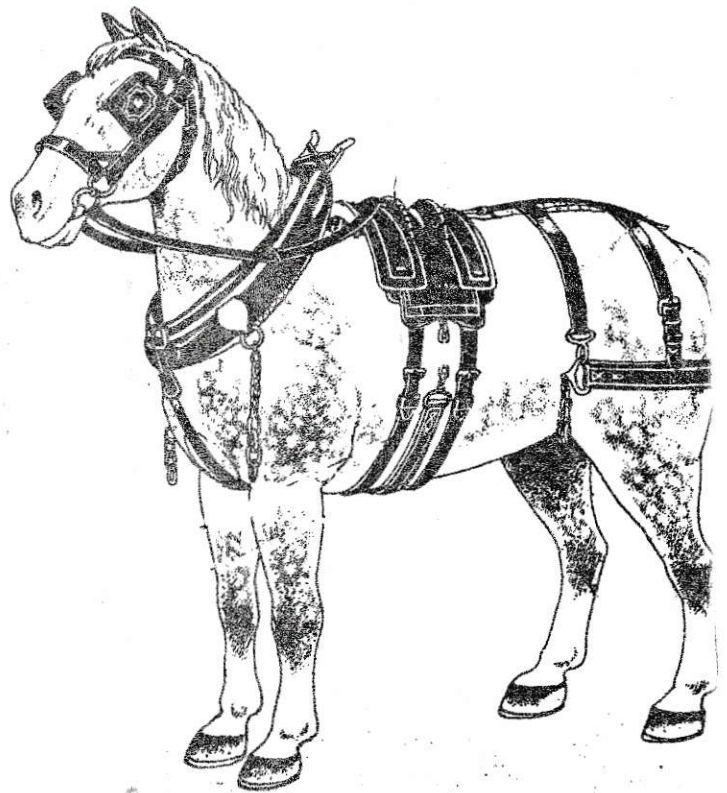
\$ Business Brief ~ ~ ~

The purchase of the Menno Moser farm by the Heritage Association took place in June of 1990. The house, barn, outbuildings and approximately 70 acres were purchased.

Funds raised prior to purchase	\$22,726.00
Funds borrowed from Mennonite Mutual Aid	\$25,000.00
Purchase price	\$40,000.00
Closing costs	\$ 2,067.00
Balance on hand 12/30/90.....	\$ 5,176.52
Monthly loan payment.....	\$ 304.00

1990 summer - -

During the summer and fall of 1990 Norman and Phyllis Lyndaker presented four Sunday morning programs at the farm house. The theme of the programs focused around understanding who we are as Mennonites today through understanding our history. The experience included sitting on benches originally used when local services were conducted in homes, hymn singing and worship, a message by Norman Lyndaker and a mealtime following the service. These meetings were well attended and a similar type of program is planned for the summer of 1991



Reunion -

The Philip Moser family reunion was held at the farm August 12, 1990. Approximately seventy family members were present for a carry-in meal and an afternoon of family fellowship.

Work Day

Approximately fifteen people came for a planned work day at the farm on July 4th. General cleaning of the house was the main project. The workers enjoyed a sack lunch at noon along with good fellowship. Thank you to each one who helped.

Membership Items

Our current membership is 39. We desire and need the active participation of all our members. Here are a few suggestions for your involvement:

- 1) Donate time and muscle to help on scheduled work days or on July 4.
- 2) Volunteer your services on one of the standing committees (listed below).
- 3) One or several members may wish to contribute by making a monthly loan payment. (Interest only-\$167.00, principle and interest-\$304.00).

Three goals for 1991 *****

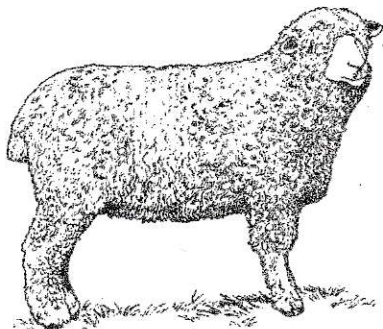
- 1) To have each member find one new member this year.
- 2) To form standing committees from the membership to carry out the tasks of association. Committees are: Membership, Fund raising, Program, Building and grounds, Artifacts and collections.
- 3) for each member to make a gift of \$10 to the association.



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS *****

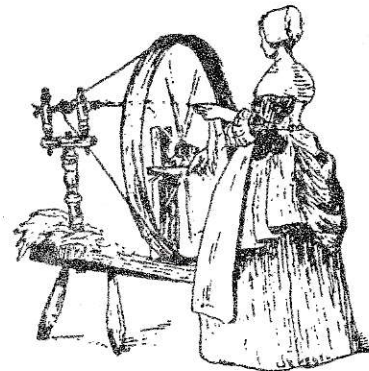
If you are interested in your faith heritage we welcome you to become a member with us. Application forms are available through any board member. Requirements are:

- 1) Fill out an application form.
- 2) Make a \$ donation of any amount according to your ability and desire.
- 3) Sign the application that you are in sympathy with the goals of the association.



Board of Directors

Pearl Zehr
 Luella Moshier
 Eunice Jantzi
 Donald Henry
 Carolyn Henry
 Ralph Taube
 Patricia Falton
 Norman Moshier
 Evan Zehr



12 stones

And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordon, did Joshua pitch at Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, when your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, what mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordon on dry land... that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty; that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever. Joshua 4:20-22, 24

What's It" answer: A clinch cutter. Used in removing shoes from a horse; specifically for cutting the clinched nails which held the shoe on the hoof. The back of the short blade was struck with a hammer. Clinch cutters could be purchased but were more often made by the user from old files or rasps.

"What's It"

Can you identify this common tool used in the care of horses on the farm and by the blacksmith and farrier? It is approximately six inches long. p.3



- Pie Sale

A pie sale for the benefit of AMHA was held Dec. 14, 1990 at the P&C in Lowville. Approximately 60 pies were baked and contributed. The sale raised \$280.25. Special thanks to each one who contributed in the baking, transporting and selling of these pies.

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