

Notes From The Farm

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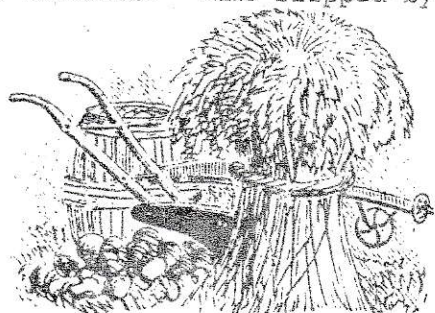
Spring 1993

A Trip to the Moser Homestead

The Heritage Association was indeed privileged to have as out-of-state guests, fifty plus people during the Conservative Mennonite Conference in August. The tour was given on two different days between the afternoon and evening sessions.

The first group was mainly Spanish speaking people from Texas who were very interested in our local Anabaptist history which Arlene Yousey so ably recounted. This group also stopped at Merlin and Charlene Moser's farm since they wanted to see a large dairy farm.

On the second day the large group was divided so we could accomodate them better. Again, there was tremendous interest in our local history as they settled in "comfortably" on the wooden benches of the first generation Mosers. They asked questions and gave comments. Time slipped by quick-



ly as we recalled the marvelous leading of the Lord and his countless blessings to our forefathers as they struggled to make a living for their families and to retain a strong faith in God.

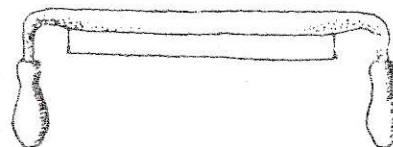
Phyllis Lyndaker

1993 Calendar

Annual Meeting..... April 29

Work Day(to be announced). Spring

Zwanzigstein Fest..... July 3



REUNION REQUEST

One of the most important goals of the AMHA is to record the stories of our senior family members. We have in mind, several ideas which we hope will help us to achieve this goal. The following idea is very simple, but requires just a small amount of your help in order to work.

If you are planning a family reunion this year, please consider asking family members to share their stories; then contact a board member at AMHA and we will record them for you at your reunion.

We have a tremendous wealth of "oral tradition" which we wish to compile as part of our archives. As you know, with each passing year we lose several friends and family who have first hand knowledge of our shared histories. PLEASE act now to help us achieve this goal.

\$ Business Brief

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APRIL 1, 1992- APRIL 1, 1993

Balance: April 1, 1991

\$5,810.33

Receipts:

Tours	\$ 341.00
Memorials	740.00
Memberships	10.00
Donations	6,869.00
Bake sale	374.85
Land rental	350.00
Zwanzigstein Fest	4,928.20

13,613.05
\$19,423.38

Disbursements:

Mennonite Mutual Aid	3,648.00
Taxes	670.20
Utilities	104.54
Insurance	151.60
Repairs	2,752.08
Zwanzigstein Fest	1,367.85
Barhona family	100.00
Supplies	97.97

8,892.24

Balance: April 1, 1993

\$10,531.14

Indebtedness as of April 1, 1993 is \$21,286.00(8%)

Vintage



Recipes

RECEIPT FOR SORES ON HORSES NECK

Use a zinc neck pad under the collar and keep clean. Give the horse half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning as a tonic. Twice daily wet the affected parts of the neck with a mixture of two ounces tincture of Iodine and six ounces of extract of witch hazel. Good. (Sarah Roggie Moshier).

-----from a collection of folk medicine recipes by Luella R. Moshier.

* GIFT *

Each year the AMHA makes a donation from the proceeds of Z-fest. This year \$100.00 was given to help the Barhona's, a Honduran family in transit to Canada. While awaiting immigration proceedings they were sponsored by the Jeff-Lewis mission board and our local Mennonite congregations. ***



Z · Fest

Thank You

for the many hands that lightened the load.....

-Ralph, Laveda & Michael Taube, Edna Yousey, Cleo Lehman, Eunice Roggie, Arlene Yousey, Pearl Zehr, Pat Falton, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Lyndaker, Norman Moshier, Donald Roggie, Evan Zehr, Richard Zehr, Ben Yousey, and Randy Noftsier for working on cleanup day. We made the house shine and removed the hay from the barn so we could use the floor.

-Joe and Malinda Zehr, Ralph and Laveda Taube, Dave and Isabelle Norris, Lillian Steria and Gladys Nafziger for registering people at the entrance. They got to see everyone who came.

-Eunice Roggie for baking those delicious rolls. Did any get sold twice this year?

-Katherine Lyndaker for making sugar cakes. That maple smell drew you in the house.

-Doris Roggie for making maple cream. All the work you did at home was appreciated.

-Phyllis Lyndaker, Pearl Zehr, Esther Gingerich, Helen Lehman, Charlotte Clifton, Laura Zehr and everyone else who quilted. How pretty it looked.

-Norman Lyndaker for talking to people about the Anabaptists. People do have questions.

-Clara and Ezra Moshier for talking to each one who came to the cemetery. They didn't have time for lunch.

-Pearl zehr for playing games with the children and helping pop popcorn. Shelling and making popcorn was a highlight of the day for the children.

-Joyce Moser, Floyd and Laura Zehr, Eleanor Moser, Pat Falton, Betty Lehman, Nelson & Lorena Moser, Elton & Maxine Moser, and David & Marie Yousey for selling the baked goods. Are there ever enough pies?

-Edna Yousey for selling craft items. What a display she had.

-Doris Steria, David & Marcia Roes, Nelson & Bernadine Schwartzentruber and the many young people who helped with the lemonade and cookie stand. That lemonade was the best.

-Nelda Steria, Betty Lehman, Eleanor Moser, Lorena Moser for tying the quilt. You do such a nice job.

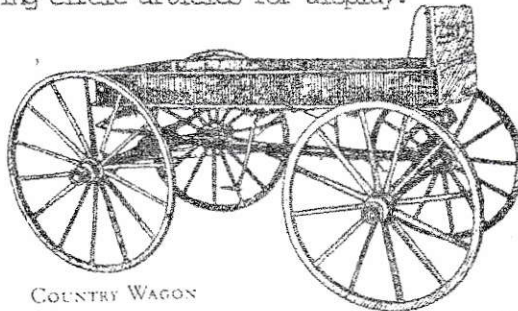
-Gladys Nafziger for helping the children make butter, which does not come instantly as some thought.

-Edna yousey for arranging the display case. It was a great attraction.

-Eunice Henry for crocheting a rag rug. She even started one for someone else the next week.

-Ellen yousey for setting up a display of rag rugs. One would not think rags could be so pretty.

-Beulah Roggie for giving some sewing circle articles for display.



COUNTRY WAGON

-Arlene yousey, Esther Moshier, Kathryn Forrester, Katie Roggie, Vera Zehr, Mary Moshier, Ruth Widrick, Mary Lehman, and Luella Moshier for telling stories. One could write a book.

-Norman Lyndaker, Elmer Roggie, Andrew Gingerich, Addison Lehman, Joe Nafziger and Sam Jantzi for telling stories. They were the good old days.

-Everyone who sang "Gott ist de Liebe". Too bad we don't know more.

-Gilbert Lehman for making ice cream with his gas engine. Did everyone get some?

-Elton & Jane Lehman, Nelson & Lorena Moser, Floyd & Laura Zehr, Richard & Pauline Lehman who helped the children make ice cream. It brought back memories.

-Delvin & Sharon Lehman for working at the ice cream stand. Hope we have a table for you next year.

-Mr. Bohall & son for shelling corn with a horse sweep. Did you ever see one of them before?

-Harold Lyndaker for bringing his engine.

-Bruce Roggie & Stanley Jantzi for setting up the cross cut saw. Who could do it the best?

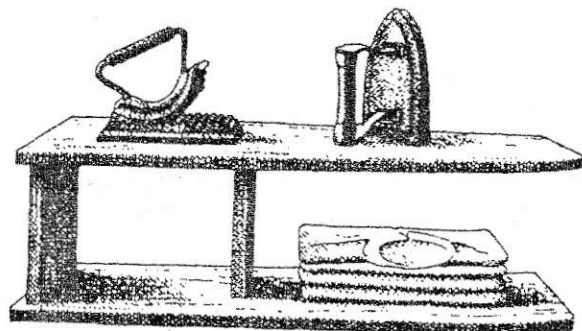
-Mr. Marcellus for bringing his water pump machine.
 -Loren Virkler for bringing the 1936 tractor, wagon & hayloader. What a great lineup.
 -L. Mescaro for bringing Menno Moser's tractor. It was home.
 -Gary Roes for the horses & covered wagon. It was perfect. How many times did it go back and forth?
 -Norman Moshier for doing the contest & the woodworking demonstration. How many could you identify?
 -Janet, Don, Keith & Dawn Roggie for bringing the chairs & tables and taking them back.
 -Harold Steria, Dale & Sarah Lyndaker, Randy Noftsier, Charlette Noftsier, Dawn Roes & Caryn Nofstier for the music at lunch time. Someone wondered if they would play at other events.
 -Loretta Moser, Rosanna Moser, Anna Mae Noftsier, Luella Moshier, Eunice Jantzi, Ellen Yousey, Cleo Lehman, Perry & Beth Steria, Gladys Roggie, Irene Moshier, Nelson & Lorena Moshier, Priscilla & Sandy Lyndaker, for preparing and serving the lunch. Did you ever taste anything better?
 -Irene Yousey, Gladys Moshier, Barbara Moser and Phyllis Lyndaker for serving the strawberry short-cake. Irene made all the good biscuits.
 -Darla Lehman, Dawn Roggie, and Bev & Rus Price for taking pictures. I am sure you are in one of them.
 -Donald Roggie for the sound system. We needed to hear.
 -Richard Zehr for talking to the people who stopped at the Croghan Church. It is an opportunity for people to see a mennonite church and also ask questions.
 -Mr. Simmons for setting up the tents twice.
 -Pat & Tim Yancey for the canopy and Tim for keeping the tent from falling down again.
 -Mike, Cindy, Dawson & Darren Grau for setting up the chairs the second time.
 -Jason Ensell for printing the ad. What would one do without a computer.
 -Beryl Zehr for taking the garbage to the dump.
 -Joe Zehr for mowing the hay before July 4 so we could use the fields.
 -John Martin, Betty Yousey, Fannie Lyndaker, Mary Pierce for making rolls and bread. Everyone liked them.
 -Fred & Marcia Moshier, Chris & Fern Lyndaker, Ralph & LaVeda Taube, Norman & Phyllis Lyndaker for the stoves and refrigerators.
 -Nathan Zehr and Quintin Roggie for their time on the stoves.
 -Pat Falton for arranging the porch boxes and other flowers. It made it look like home.
 -For the radio spot.
 -Everyone who baked for the bake sale. It all looked so delicious.
 -Everyone who did handiwork items. How beautiful they were.
 -Everyone who came and made the day successful. Praise the Lord!
 -Edna Yousey, Gladys & Elmer Nafziger, Joyce & Ellis Moser, Phyllis Lyndaker, Rosanna Moser, and Carolyn Henry for spending many hours planning the Zwanzigstein Fest '92. We give God the Glory.

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NEEDS

Following is a list of items which would be useful to us for further Z-Fests. If you have any of the following and are not using it please consider donating it. Call Phyllis Lyndaker (376-8502). Thank you.

- strong card table
- folding chairs
- saw horses
- pots & pans
- teakettle
- big spoons, silverware
- mugs, plates etc.
- rendered down beef tallow for soap making



3 WANZIGSTEIN FEST 1992

Beneath sunny skies, more than 850 people walked the grounds of the 1850 homestead at the Zwanzigstein Fest in Kirschnerville. Infants in strollers and carriages mingled with youth and grandparents the eldest being 94. Families came to listen to stories, buy pies and cookies, look at a beautiful wall hanging and other craft items, drink freshly squeezed lemonade, ride a covered wagon, see a horse sweep, and identify items used many years ago.

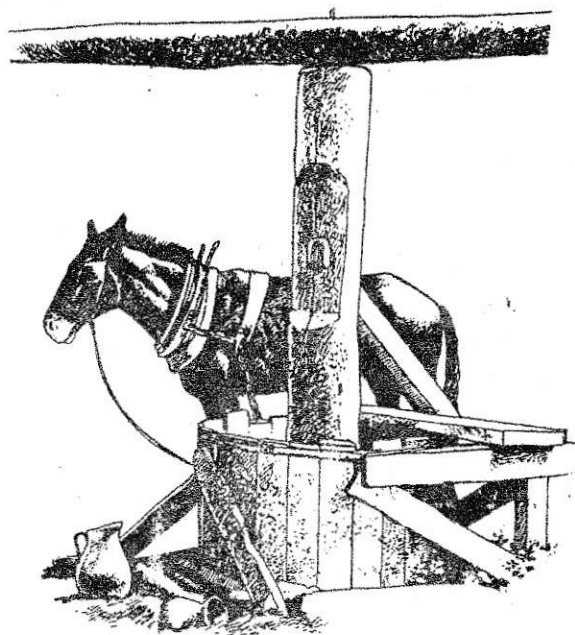
The sound of laughter was heard as friends saw each other and as children played. An atmosphere of enthusiasm and interest was sensed by all who attended. While eating chicken rice soup, ham slices on homemade bread, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream, one heard the strumming of the guitar, the hammering of the dulcimer, and the humming of the harmonica.

Children were amazed at the length of time it took to make butter from cream and the work involved in shelling corn before popping it.

After watching ice cream being made with steam power, it was time to do it with hand power. More than one needed to take his turn at cranking the ice cream freezer, including a three year old. It was all worthwhile when they finally had that spoonful of ice cream in their mouth.

What is July 4th without a softball game? Young and old played together. The score was not important. Everyone played his or her best and enjoyed every minute. One could join the volleyball game at any time during the day.

The kitchen of grandma's house was not big enough for everyone to watch the women bake. Rolls did not come out of the oven fast enough. The aroma of baking and boiling syrup drifted through the doorway.



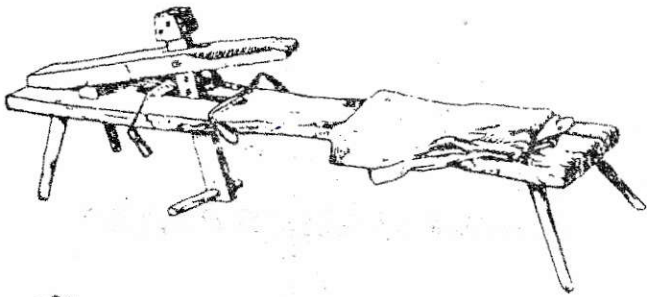
No one could name all 37 pieces on display for the What's It contest. Ethel Petty of Three Mile Bay identified 21 of them and won the butter mold. Congratulations.

The noise of engines and pulleys were heard as one watched the horse sweep shelling corn powered by the circular motion of the horse. The tractors caught the eye of everyone as they came in the driveway. Small children enjoyed sitting at the wheel and "driving".

As the Israelites wanted their children to remember the mighty works of God by placing 12 stones for a monument, we too heard of God's love and faith demonstrated in our ancestors as we listened to stories of old.

As one person said, "This was quality time spent."

Carolyn Henry

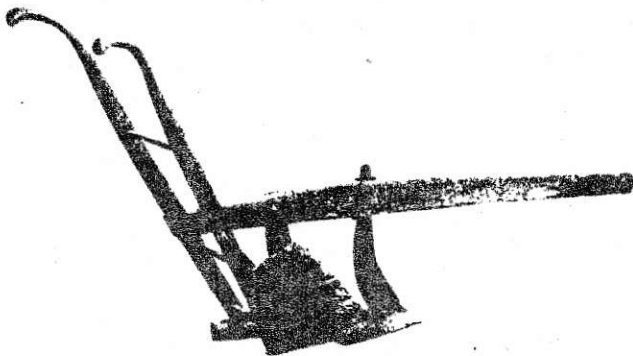


COLLECTIONS * * *

Numerous gifts of family heirlooms have been donated to the association during the last year. Some of these include tools from the pioneer Roggie family homestead, a Nafziger family immigrant trunk, a unique horse drawn pea, bean and corn planter, a Steria family wood cook stove (which was greatly appreciated last fall on those cold work days), and family Bibles & Martyr's Mirror. These family gifts are deeply appreciated and will greatly add to the interest and historical value of the farm.

Many of these and other items are currently not kept at the farm for security reasons. They are however, available for special programs and display.

If you have a family heirloom of any kind that you may wish to donate to AMHA contact any one of the board members for information.

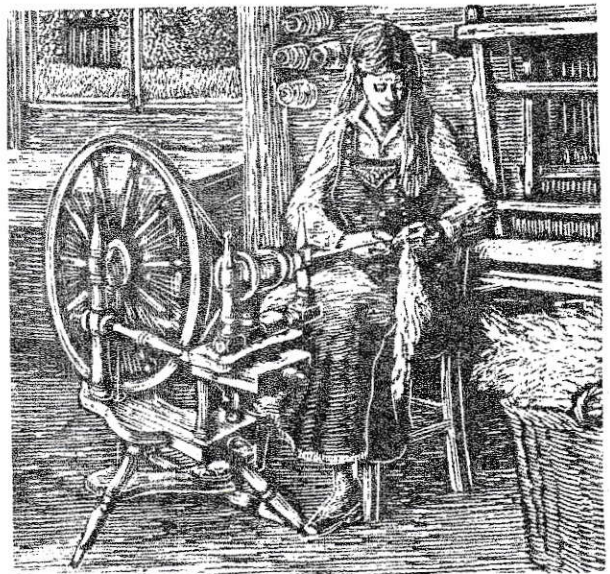


P.S. We are looking for a plow similar to the one illustrated on the cover. It should be in good condition & preferably from a local family. A Deere River plow would be a great bonus because of their local design and manufacture roots.

TOUR GROUP VISITS

In September approximately 48 members of the Lancaster Historical Society, led by Earl Groff, made a three day fall foliage visit to Lewis County. Arlene Yousey planned and organized the weekend for them. Some of the points of interest were: Croghan Island Mill, the Maple Museum, Beaver Camp and the Heritage Farm in Kirschnerville, where the Saturday noon meal was served. The fare was typical of the meals traditionally served after Sunday services and consisted of bean soup, bread and butter, and cookies. It was hosted by Julius & Avis Moser and Richard & Eileen Zehr.

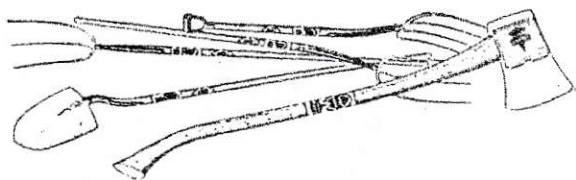
The Lancaster Historical Society extended an invitation to members of AMHA to visit them and the well known Hans Herr House in Pa.



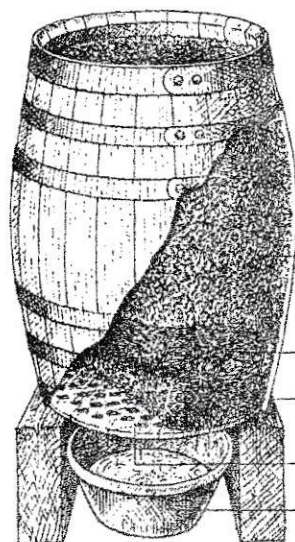
What's It answer: Often hand forged and beautifully decorated, these sugar cutters or nippers were used to cut a cube or lump of sugar to size to suit an individual's taste, eg., to sweeten coffee or tea.

f ALL WORK DAY

At the work day last fall, work concentrated on exterior house repairs. Two chimneys were temporarily removed below the roof line to prevent leaking. The front of the south side of the house was painted. Norm Lyndaker took charge of this and put in extra effort finishing it evenings after school. Thank you Norm. Also, many windows were repaired and glazed. Thanks to all who helped.



Later in the fall, work continued on repairs to the barn. The bridges were removed so that work could be done on the foundation. Footings were poured on both sides and tile installed to help with drainage. Thanks to the extra volunteers who came for heavy work. About 100 hours of labor were donated. Special thanks to Donald Lehman for his backhoe service.



HARDWOOD ASHES

STRAW

GRAVEL

DRILLED HOLES

COLLECTING BASIN

HOME BREW

To make your own lye, first drill some holes in the bottom of a barrel and lay down some gravel as an aid to drainage. Place straw on top of the gravel and then hardwood ashes right to the top. Then pour rainwater into the barrel and wait patiently for it to filter out the bottom as lye.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS*****

-Last summer an area Sunday evening hymn sing service was held at the heritage farm.

-The 2nd weekend of August was the traditional Moser family reunion, and was again held at the heritage farm.

The AMHA welcomes scheduling these type of events. Please contact any board member for further information if you wish to use our facilities.

Pie and bake sales were again very successful in raising money for mortgage payments. The latest, held in April 1993, raised \$478.85. Thank you to all who baked and sold.

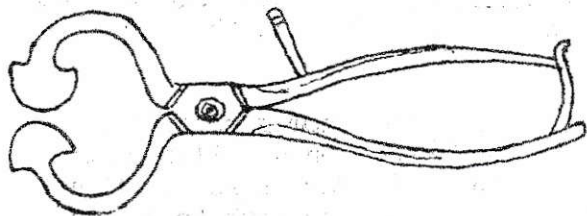
ANNIVERSARY

1993 marks the 300th anniversary of the Amish. The reason for their split from the Swiss Mennonite Church in the summer of 1693 was centered on the practice of the ban. The split occurred in Switzerland at the home of Niklaus Moser where a group of Swiss ministers had met together. Jacob Ammann (after whom the Amish are named) excommunicated several of the ministers present including Moser.

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"What's It"

This shapely household tool helped to make the unembellished life of earlier days just a little bit sweeter. Do you know what it is? Answer: page 6.



Work Day

Coming soon this spring; date to be announced. The main projects for the day are:

- general house cleaning
- prepare the garage to cement the floor. (remove wood, etc.)
- yard work.

AMHA
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Martinsburg, NY 13404

Membership Items

During 1992 our goal was for each member to give a gift of \$10. Two \$10 gifts were received along with three mortgage payments (\$304.00 each) and one interest payment. Also received were donations to help with repair work being done on the barn. (See bussiness brief for totals).

New Members-----
Lloyd Boshart

1993 Goals-----

- 1)each member donate \$10.00.
- 2)members will actively participate in work days or programmed events as possible. (We sicerely appreciate the many contributions in (1992)).
- 3)We wish to continue to increase our membership. Forms are available if you need them for family or friends.
- 4)some members may consider making an interest payment (\$167), or mortgage payment (\$304).

MAIL TO: