

Notes From The Farm

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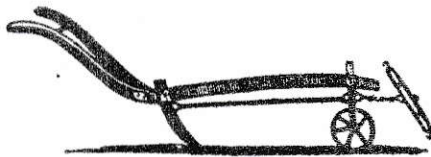
Spring 1994

Family Reunions Use Video

This past summer I attended family reunions which used video to preserve family memories. The John B. Moser reunion used a video to share history as well as memories of home.

The Joe M. Zehr family reunion was taped by a great granddaughter. Several of the fifth generation were present. Another video was taken of two of my aunts and an uncle sharing memories of my grandparents.

On Sept. 26, 1993 our family celebrated my mothers 85th birthday with



a family gathering at the Naumburg fellowship hall. Three days later on Sept. 29 she passed away on her 85th birthday. Over one hundred members of the family were present. Each of us children shared significant memories of our growing up days. We recalled the importance of church attendance and activities while we were at home. Mom enjoyed this celebration so much. We are happy that we can recall these memories in video taken that day.

I urge you to make use of video as a method of preserving family history.

Pearl Zehr

1994 Calendar

Annual Meeting..... April 26

Work Days..... May 7&30

Z-Fest..... July 2

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-The Heritage Farm will be open each saturday of June, July and August from 10 AM - 4 PM and the first Sunday from 1 PM - 4 PM.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

Textiles-

June 4
July 30
August 20

Childrens Days-

June 18
July 16
August 6

Retreat-

August 27

Watch for scheduling of:

Quilting
Recycling/Reuse
Woodworking

Anyone who would like to help on any of the above dates, contact: Phyllis Lyndaker, Pearl Zehr, Pat Falton.

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\$ Business Brief ~

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APRIL 1, 1993 - APRIL 1, 1994

Balance April 1, 1993 \$10,531.14

Receipts:

Memberships	\$ 40.00
Donations	4180.00
Bake Sales	1081.30
Land Rent	350.00
Zwanzigstein Fest	4534.65
Memorials	410.00
Craft Show	<u>107.50</u>

10,703.45
\$21,234.59

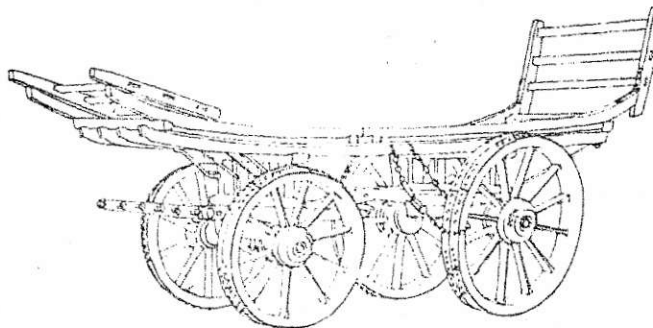
Disbursements:

Mennonite Mutual Aid	\$ 3648.00
Taxes	1065.54
Utilities	211.63
Insurance	151.60
Repairs	3216.42
Zwanzigstein Fest	1897.36
Gift to Flood Victims	100.00
Supplies	101.70
Filing Fee for Constitution	200.00
Craft Show Fee	17.50
Books	525.00
Lawnmover	<u>133.75</u>

11,268.50

Balance April 1, 1994 \$ 9,966.09

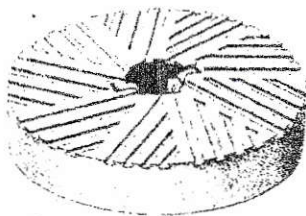
Indebtedness as of April 1, 1994 is \$19,642.00 at 8%.



CHARTER

In January 1994 the AMHA was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. This was the culmination of a long process to become incorporated as a legal entity. Since historical associations are considered to have an educational function, AMHA was required to incorporate under education law through the NYS Board of Regents. The charter we received is temporary for 5 years after which time we can apply for a permanent charter.

Currently we are in the process of applying for tax-exempt status with the IRS. We hope to complete this process in about a year. As a board of directors, we feel we have crossed most of the necessary bridges in the formation of the Association. With most of the business aspects of our formation complete, we hope to be able to focus on the real "business" of the association. There is much work ahead. One of our goals for the near future is to complete a master plan for the Heritage Farm to help guide the development of the property and programs of the Association.



There's many a seed on fertile soil
That waits but a drop of rain;
There's many a soul in this gray old world
Which for love would live again.

---Taken from a 1910 Farm Journal



Garden at the Homestead

For the first time in many years, a garden again flourished at the Moser homestead. And what a garden it was! We hardly knew what to expect from the seeds and plantings that were put there. But no need to worry-- the soil was still able to produce. About half of the garden was planted with pumpkins, potatoes and squash. In addition, Pat Falton, our coordinator had a lovely garden with a variety of vegetables. Just ask her if she needs any more beans or zucchini squash.

A bed of asparagus was still producing after all these years. The raspberry patch needs some attention which hopefully can be done this year. The plum trees were loaded with fruit and some of them were good enough to use. How well I remembered that special taste! The rose bushes have gone on blooming as well as some other flowers.

After harvesting the potatoes, squash and pumpkins we gave most of these "bounties of the land" away at the Seniors Harvest Supper. We were happy that many people could use the produce. Blessings from the Homestead Garden.

Phyllis Lyndaker

Vintage

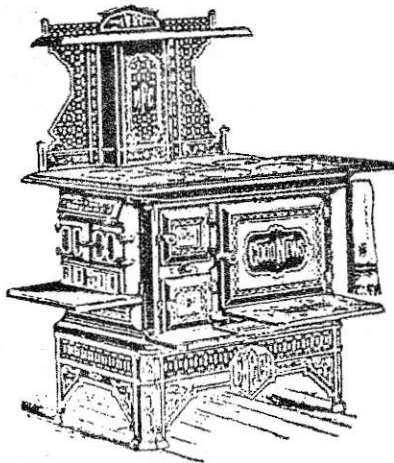


Recipes

CHERRY BOUNCE

3 quarts of black cherries
1 gallon of whiskey or high wine
3 pounds sugar
if you use whiskey half a gallon of water
if high wine use as much water as liquor
Put it all together and let it stand four weeks
pour off and bottle K.R.

-----from a collection of folk
medicine recipes by Luella R. Moshier.
(Recipes for alcoholic drinks were often
though not exclusively made in the Menno-
nite community for medicinal purposes)

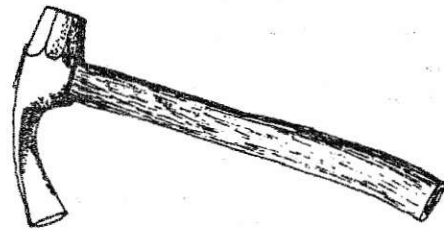


Craft Stand At Lumberjack Festival

We were asked by the Lumberjack Festival Committee to link activities of the Heritage Farm with the festival since we are located so close.

This year we used a space to sell left over crafts from July 4th Fest and also literature about the Mennonites. We sold some crafts and several folks picked up literature and books.

The most important part of the day was being able to witness to folks who asked about our faith. As we were closing at the end of the day, the cou-

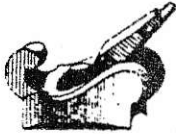


ple who were selling crafts next to us came over. The man had many questions about the way to God. He was earnestly seeking to know the truth. To us this was the highlight of the day and our reason for being there.

Pearl Zehr

SPRING WORK DAY

Saturday June 5 was our spring work day. Stove wood was moved from the garage to the woodshed for future use in the kitchen stove. The rest of the garage was also cleaned. General house cleaning and yard work were done. Later in June, the dirt floor of the garage was dug down about two feet and replaced with gravel and a layer of topping stone. The garage can now be used for food preparation and service at Z-fest. One of the barn bridges was rebuilt and the south footing of the barn wall was tiled for drainage. Thanks to all who helped.



3 WANZIGSTEIN FEST '93

The third annual Z-fest was held at the Heritage Farm on Saturday, July 3rd. This is AMHA's main event of the year. Again this year, there were many activities to observe and participate in. Some of these included bread making, butter making, soap making, the Anabaptist story, the art of trapping, walking tour of the house, wagon ride to the cemetery, spinning, chair caning, and blowing bubbles for the children.

Last year we acquired several more display cases and were able to add interesting new displays in the house using them. Pat Falton did much of this work.

A simple lunch was served and lemonade, coffee and homemade ice cream were available throughout the day along with a bake sale and craft items.

Z-Fest requires a lot of work from many individuals. The Board of Directors wishes to thank all who have helped. Special thanks to Carolyn Henry and the organizing committee who make it all happen.

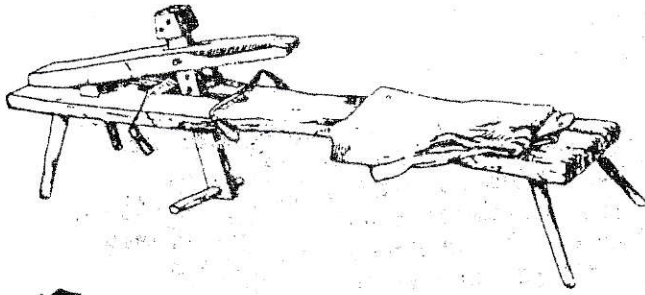
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On March 13, 1994, a group of students from Bethel College touring northern NY as part of a seminar, visited the Heritage Farm. Arlene Yousey led a tour of the house and gave a brief lecture on the people who lived on this farm and how they came to be there. Afterwards, drink and sugar cookies were served and there was time for questions and discussion.

B AKE SALES

Bake sales have been an important means of raising funds for AMHA. During the past year, these sales have earned nearly \$1100.00. Most of our sales were held at the P&C in Lowville. Because of a new nationwide P&C policy, this is no longer possible. We will, however, continue to have several bake sales each year. Our latest one was held at the Ames store in Carthage. We wish to thank all who have helped in baking and selling during the last year.





COLLECTIONS * * *

During the past year we have written a collections policy to guide us in the proper care and recording of acquisitions of the AMHA. In the future, if you wish to donate something to the Association, there will be a brief form to fill out in which you can record the known history of the object. You will also receive a copy of our policy on acquisition for your information. All gifts become the property of AMHA to be used and displayed at the discretion of the association.

We have continued to receive gifts of artifacts related to the history of the Mennonite community in Lewis County. For this we are grateful. Your gifts continue to add depth to what we have to offer to the public.

LONG YEARS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

THOMAS MOORE.

Our locks, old friend, now thinly grow,
And some hang white and chill;
While some, like flowers 'mid autumn's snow,
Retain youth's color still.
And so, in our hearts, though one by one
Youth's sunny hopes have set,
Thank heaven, not all their light is gone—
We've some to cheer us yet.

Long years have pass'd, old friend, since we
First met in life's young day;
And friends long loved, by thee and me,
Since then have dropped away;
But enough remain to cheer us on,
And sweeten, when thus we're met,
The glass we fill to the many gone,
And the few who're left us yet.

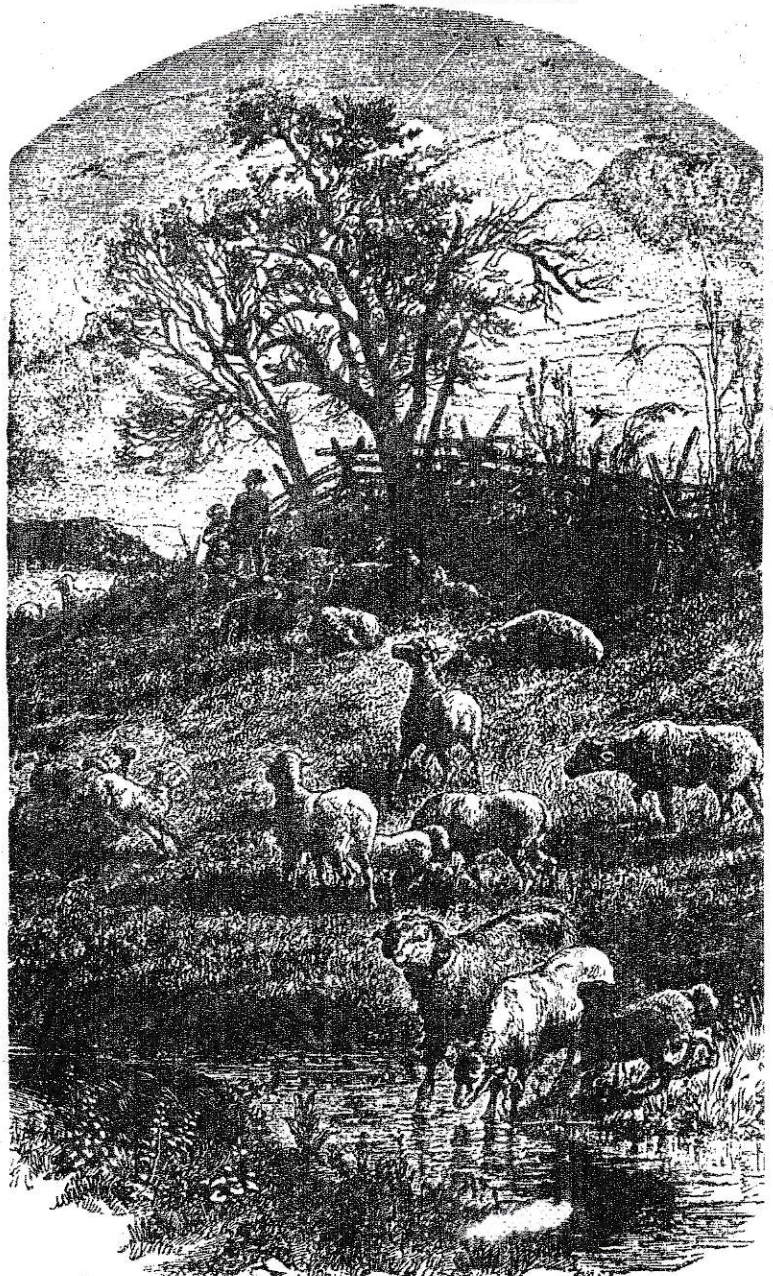
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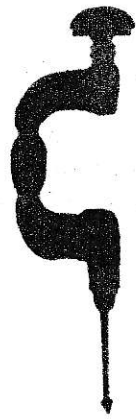
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ANNUAL MEETING

The 1993 annual meeting was held at Pine Grove Mennonite Church. The program for the evening was in charge of the Joseph Widrick family (Lena Lyndaker, Mabel Mayer, Irving Widrick, and Nelson Widrick) who told stories of their childhood at home on the Wagner Road. Their fascinating stories held everyone's attention and gave us a glimpse into a world and way of life now gone.

After the program, wax on snow was served for refreshments.





MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS * * *

-There was a Sunday evening song service at the farm again last summer.

-A "Roots Pagent" telling the Peter Lehman family story 1850-1918, was held at New Bremen Mennonite Church on August 4. It was written and directed by Ralph and Evelyn Lehman.

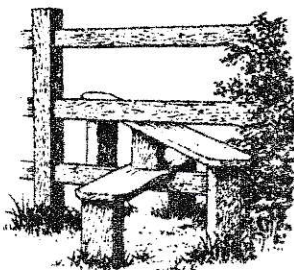
Membership Items

-Anyone interested in AMHA is welcomed to become a member; this includes children.

-Donations have made up a large part of the revenue available to AMHA. We appreciate the generosity of members and friends of AMHA. Again this year we are asking for a \$10 gift from each member who is able (do it now while its fresh in your mind and drop it in the church mailbox of any board member listed below, or mail to the address on the back page of this newsletter). Large and small donations are important to meet ongoing expenses; some of you may wish to make an interest payment (\$167) or a mortgage payment (\$304).

-Current Board members are:

Carolyn Henry, Eunice Jantzi, Pearl Zehr, David Norris, Phyllis Lyndaker, Nelson Moser, Norman Moshier, Luella Moshier, Donald Henry.



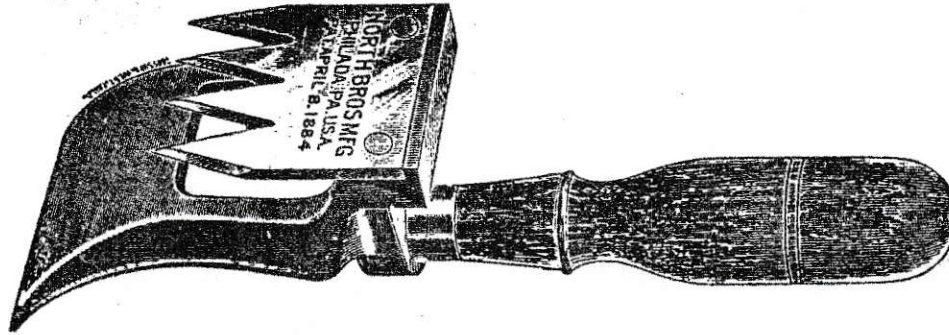
Whats it answer: This tool is an ice chipper used to remove small pieces of ice from a larger block when ice blocks were harvested in the winter and stored for cooling purposes.

"What's It"

GIFT * * *

This common household tool came in many styles and was pretty handy in the days before electric refrigerators. Do you know what it is? Answer: page 7

Each year AMHA gives a gift from the proceeds of Z-fest. This year, \$100.00 was given to the Lowville project to help victims of last summers flooding in the mid-west.



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