



Notes from the Farm

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CONNECTED: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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"Posterity and history are irrevocably intertwined in the present. No coherent vision of the future can exist without an affinity for the past and cognizance of the lives of our forebears. Remember that we, too, are the ancestors of those yet unborn and should seek to leave for them a heritage of which they can be as proud as we are of that which was bequeathed to us." Roy Stockill, Alsace-Lorraine

What we pass on to future generations will be determined by who we are now. Who we are now is partly a result of where we came from - the experiences we brought with us.

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1998 Calendar

Annual Meeting	April 23
Z-Fest.....	July 4
Clean-Up Days.....	May 2, 16, 23, 25
Potato Planting.....	June 4 - 6
Bike Hikes.....	Saturdays, Hols. May 23 - October 12

In a very real sense this connectedness and continuity is not a predetermined state that immobilizes us. Rather, like Hagar, our past influences our future direction. On fleeing from her angry mistress, Hagar was questioned by the angel, "Where have you come from and where are you going?" (Gen. 16:8) In the same sense we have become a part of all we have met.

"Remember that we...are the ancestors of those yet unborn.."

Personally, I feel grateful for my heritage and would say with David, I have received a godly heritage. Ps. 16:6 I base this on my childhood and youthful experience in my home and church. My faith heritage was expanded and greatly enriched under the instruction of H.S. Bender and J.C. Wenger. And as newlyweds, Phyllis and I interacted for two years with the larger Mennonite Church at the Mission Board in Elkhart, Indiana.

Volunteers needed!

Have you been thinking about doing something for the farm, but don't have time for scheduled or long-term activities?

There are many one-time projects that need doing.

In the past we have had people help with the garden, till, add manure, pick up the lawn, and plant and donate flowers in addition to the clean-up days and Z-fest.

This year we need:

Help with the garden (call Pearl)

Paint overhead doors on old barn (contact Norm Lyndaker)

Host farmhouse one Saturday 10-4 (or part of day - ask Pat)

Make rag rugs or white curtains for the house

Donate old-fashioned flowers (ask Pearl or Pat)

Help with Accession and Donation Forms (ask Pat)

Glazing windows

Repoint foundations

Mow occasionally (ask Pat)

Help with programs for schools, etc. (ask Pat or Pearl)

Coordinator's Corner

This past year has been a very busy one for me. My youngest child, Jamie, was married last July and this May my eldest, Elizabeth, will do the same.

Here at the Farm it's been busy, too. I have a dog now from my neighbors, the Farneys. There are many new perennials - thanks to Rosanna Moser, Claire and to a friend of mine in Watertown who moved away.

I have had wonderful opportunities to share the story of the Farm and our Anabaptist heritage. I was asked to take part in the Watertown: Past, Present and Future exhibition this year and spent a morning doing a program for each of four classes at St. Anthony's School in April.

I am more than glad to do on site presentations or have groups here at the Farm. If you know groups who are interested, please let them know. (Senior citizens, schools, church groups)

The Fest this summer promises some special treats. We will have the sheep-shearing again, with spinning and weaving. And thanks to Charmaine and John Campany there will be ponies to ride and to pet, as well as the possibility of a calf.

Please get together your items for this year's crafts and the Mini-Auction. These are so important to our fund-raising efforts. And now we can really begin to see the results.

Love in Christ,

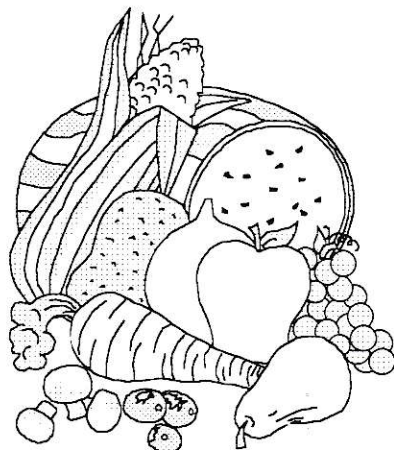
Pat

Fund-Raising: Pearl's Potatoes & Potpourri

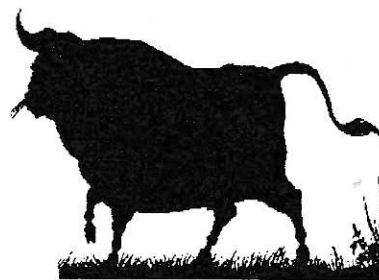
This year the Board appointed Pearl Zehr as the Chair of fund-raising - a position she was already filling, really. And Pearl has things going at full tilt. Now, of course, a little help would be nice. The following is a brief report on the fund-raising done this past year:

Garage and Bake Sale	170.25
LumberJack Festival	175.10
Potatoes	98.50
Carthage Elem. Craft Show	228.45
Beaver River Craft Show	188.50

Thanks to Ralph & LaVeta Taube, Phyllis Lyndaker, Carolyn Henry, Eunice Roggie, Ellen and Arlene Yousey, Pat Falton and ALL of you who donated crafts and baked goods.



Don't forget baked goods and crafts for this year's Z-Fest, July 4.



Work To Date

New Septic System and Water Line with Pump1995
-1997
First half of old barn wall rebuilt...
..... 1995
House repainted1994-1998
Porch Rebuilt1997
Garage Roof Replaced.....1996
Garage Doors repainted1997
Work begun on large barn.....1996
Bridges replaced, new supports in place, new foundation walls poured,



Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association Annual Financial Statement

Balance January 1, 1997 \$12,382.95

Receipts:

Donations	\$6744.
Memberships	200.
Stipend for Intern	1534.01
Land Rent	350.
Garage Sale	170.25
Craft Shows	757.09
Z-Fest	5106.02
Garden	98.50
Pictures	364.90
Util. Reimburse.	850.00
Interest	430.62
	<u>\$16,515.39</u>

28,898.34

Disbursements:

Menno Mutual Aid	\$3648.
NiMo	1059.34
Insurance	123.65
Repairs	2874.62
Z-Fest	2075.24
Supplies	106.59
Pictures	144.
Gifts	200.
Intern Stipend	2250.
	<u>\$12,481.44</u>

Balance December 31, 1997 \$16,416.90

Balance as follows:

Checking	\$3781.98
Savings	9991.17
CD	2643.75

Indebtedness as of December 31, 1997 is
\$13,447.96 at 8%.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn L. Henry,

Alumni & Heritage Scholarship Fund

For local students attending traditional Mennonite Colleges, the Jeff-Lewis Mennonite Church Colleges Alumni and Heritage Scholarship Committee is administering this fund through the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association and Historical Society. This support is another way of continuing our Mennonite heritage.

1997 Year-end Financial Report

Balance 1/1/97 \$0.00

Income

Contributions (Jan-Aug)	\$1577.00
Soup & Salad Lunch (Nov.)	539.00
Interest	<u>10.08</u>
	<u>\$2126.08</u>

Disbursements

7 Scholarships @ \$225	\$1575.00
paid in Aug. for 1997-98 school year.	

Balance 12/31/97 \$551.08

Respectfully submitted.
Carolyn L. Henry,
Treasurer

Connections: cont.

Looking at the history of our people with hindsight we see reflected a godly people whose lives were, nevertheless, a blend of strengths and weaknesses.

Another insight we get from the past is that change is inevitable. Like going on a trip - each passing mile confronts us with ever changing scenes. Similarly, change has come to all generations of God's people since the call of Abraham. A casual reading of our history reveals shifting scenes and changes of emphasis at various periods in time.

Our century has been described as "...the most troubled, unsettling costly, adventurous and surprising time ever. More has changed and faster, more has been destroyed, more accomplished than in any comparable interval in the five thousand years since recorded history."

J.B. Toews' A Twentieth Century Mennonite Pilgrim.

Change requires adaptations to new situations. For example, Mennonite Central Committee was born July 27, 1920 with a mission to save the starving Russian Mennonites - a plight brought on by a political situation. Since that time MCC has expanded and changed its mission to meet various needs emerging on the world scene - still done in the name of Christ.

History reveals that for a people or an institution to be strong and effective, there needs to be an awareness of continuity of the dynamic original mission. A prime example is Menno Simons' statement of True Evangelical

True Evangelical Faith (see page 10), which depicts a life of devotion to Jesus and His Word and ministering to others as Jesus did. It has been said a number of times that a church that forgets the past cannot understand the present and lacks direction for the future.

As we face the future, we must ask, "What do we possess of deep spirituality, from our godly heritage that will take root in a world in which an increasing number of people view themselves intrinsically as self-sufficient?" They need no Biblical revelation, no absolutes; each is a law unto himself.

Do we have anything to offer these people? The answer is YES; we have the gift of a great salvation (Heb. 2:3) great grace (Acts 4:33) and great Truth through Jesus Christ (John 1:17) as well as a great mission entrusted to us by the Lord (John 20:21).

Who is this Father and why did he send Jesus? He is the God of peace (Heb. 13:20) who sent the Prince of peace (Isa. 9:6) who came preaching peace (Acts 10:36) to make peace between God and man and among people. And now we have been given this ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:14)

The call to follow Jesus - a strong emphasis of our heritage - connects us to people in the real world of need and to Jesus, the source for meeting that need. Christian service done in love is good news to the recipient and often a great blessing to the servant. This is because Christ's love controls us (2 Cor. 3:16-18)

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His Spirit guides us into truth (John 16:13) and frees us in the most transforming force in the world.

The early church and our ancestors gave their unwavering devotion to Jesus and His Word. They went forth ministering in the Name of Christ, to friend and foe, to body and to soul, indiscriminately. This True Evangelical Faith is what we want to bequeath to our posterity.

Recipes & Remedies

The following two remedies are from the SRM cookbook

Liniment for Rheumatism

1 pint of alcohol
1 1/2 oz.. of ammonia
3/4 oz. of hemlock oil
3/4 oz. of sassafras tea

Camphorated Oil

Can be made with 1 pt. of sweet oil. Put in as much camphor as will dissolve. Very good to grease the lungs of children.

{These remedies are included because of the information they give to us about how previous generations treated themselves and are not intended to be construed as a recommendation for use.}

Dr. Peter Zehr's Healing Salve (1809-1898)

One Gallon hog fat, melted
One hand-full of rose blossoms
One hand-full of chick weeds
Two good sized onions - fried real dark in the lard, then strain through a cloth.
Put this into the lard mixture:
One-half pound Burgundy pitch*
One-half pound beeswax.
Add a little piece of camphor, the size of a small walnut. Boil until all is melted. This will give quite a big batch.

*Burgundy pitch comes from a pine tree found in the province of Burgundy, France.

Charmaine Company

Cherry Vinegar

There are few drinks more refreshing than that made from half an inch of cherry vinegar in the bottom of a tumbler into which ice water is poured and stirred until the glass is full.

Cover any amount of pie cherries (sour, red cherries) with good clear vinegar in a wooden or earthen vessel. Be wise and stir them at intervals for four days.

To every pint of carefully strained juice add one-quarter pound of sugar. Boil for one-quarter of an hour; skim; keep in corked bottles.

Luella Moshier



Zwanzigstein Fest '97 *"In the Past Lane"*

Carolyn Henry

Songs of Praise to the Lord come to my mind when I think of the Zwanzigstein Fest. How Good God Is! Each year I marvel at God's presence and works.

One of the highlights of the day was the sheep shearing. Old and young alike enjoyed this. They watched and watched. Cameras caught the event.

As we sang hymns after lunch, we welcomed the voices around the lunch tables. How wonderful to see even unfamiliar faces, lifting their voices in song.



Our stories of transportation brought back memories to many; new lessons to others.

Demonstrations of noodle-making, bread baking, soap making, washing clothes on a scrub board, ice cream making, the art of trapping, sugar cake making, taffy-pulling, quilt tying, stool making and chair caning filled the day. Then one could make butter, fly a kite, pop corn, tour the house, ask questions about the Anabaptists, see antique cars, tractors and a horse and buggy, buy books, a pie, a plant or a craft from 1000

Villages, and of course, EAT chicken, strawberry shortcake, pie, ice cream, hot dogs or drink fresh-squeezed lemonade.

The mini-auction was especially successful with excellent quality items, all of which were donated.

Profit from this Fest totalled \$2,940.

But not all success is measured in dollars. One lady visiting from Rome said, after seeing the ad in the paper, "I wasn't sure what it was, but I decided to come and I am so glad I did."



Bike Hikes

During the summer of 1997, the Farm was fortunate to obtain funding from the Pratt-Northam Foundation to pay a large part of the pay for an intern to work for us. Travis Kuhl was a senior at Edinboro College in Pennsylvania in Physical Education.

While a great deal of Travis' time was spent on getting the buildings and grounds in spiffy shape, he organized and ran our very first Bike Hikes. On a beautiful August 8 Saturday morning, 15 people of various ages and abilities turned out for two tours: one advanced 20+ miles route and a second, beginner route of 7 miles.

Pass on the Legacy

Bernice Zehr

Help us to preserve our present and past so future generations can also appreciate the beauty of our faith and life history.

In response to an inquiry by the Churches of Lewis County, the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association has begun exploring the need and requirements for the building of an archival repository. It is already clear that the individual churches' archives are filled to overflowing and are often not able to be stored appropriately. But there are even more archival materials in the community (perhaps in your home).

The AMHA has applied for funding to locate and catalog archival materials in the community. Archives are almost anything that reflects our past - everyday and church life. This includes information about church organizations, Bible and Sunday Schools, church committees, family life, business, logging farm, sugar bush, or events in the surrounding area. This might include: notes, ledgers, diaries, reports, art work, photography, or other forms of recordkeeping.

Our group is trying to ready itself for this survey by being prepared with a list of possible resources. If you have ANY papers or records, would you please call Norm and Phyllis Lyndaker at 376-8502 or Bernice Zehr at 376-2166.

Biking, cont.

Not only do we want to continue these bike tours, but we would like to encourage anyone to use the Farm as a parking and rest stop for biking anytime during the summer. A porta-john will be in place during that time and there is a fresh water spigot on the side of the house. Please bring up the family and enjoy a day of biking, hiking and picnicing.



Membership Dues

Membership has its privileges, but it has its responsibilities, too.

We ask that each member again pay dues of \$10. (or more) for the year 1998. If each member would give the minimum amount, we would have enough for a mortgage payment.

Last year, dues amounted to \$770., more than two mortgage payments. Thank you!

You can pay at the Annual Meeting or send a check made payable to AMHA/dues to Carolyn Henry, 4348 Saunders Rd., Clinton NY 13323.

Zwanzigstein Fest '98

Rosanna and Loretta Moser, Pat
Fulton and Carolyn Henry.

This year's Zwanzigstein Fest on Saturday, July 4, 1998 is fast approaching. The theme this year is "Preserving the Past for the Future".

There will be many demonstrations, including sheep-shearing, spinning, and herbal and laundry soap making.

Our mini-auction will be back. If you would like to donate something worth at least \$25, please let one of the persons listed at the end, know.

These items include antiques, handwork, and even purchased items reflecting the Mennonite heritage of the area.

New displays are always being sought. Do you have something we could display for the day or even for the summer?

Please remember baked goods and craft items, too.

Volunteers are very much needed for the Fest. You can help with one activity, several, half a day or more.

Certainly, plan on coming and bringing your family and friends. Everyone will enjoy the day of fellowship, relaxation and participation or just a look at our demonstrations and displays.

And, of course, the food will be delicious. Come and enjoy it all.

Committee members are Phyllis Lyndaker, Bernice Zehr,

Memorials

Over the past several years about \$900 has come to the Association in the form of memorials. Because this is such a special way of remembering loved ones and friends, the AMHA has carefully sought an appropriate way to use this fund.

Recently, we learned of a new technology for recording visual and audio images in a small space with very high clarity known as digital video-imaging. This technology can store up to 10 hours of recording on one small disc and is expected to last up to 100 years.

The Board would purchase a camcorder, tripod and player for Hi-8 recording and playback. The equipment would be available with training, for use at family gatherings, church meetings, etc. to record our story for the future. These tapes would be available for now for viewing and would be transferred to the digital format for storage. Eventually, a digital player will be purchased.

It is expected the initial purchase will cost about \$2000. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, whether in memory of someone or just as a gift, please contact Treasurer Carolyn Henry, 4348 Saunders Road, Clinton, NY 13323.

For true evangelical faith is of such a nature that it cannot lie dormant, but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love; it dies unto the flesh and blood; it destroys all forbidden lusts and desires; it seeks and serves and fears God; it clothes the naked; it feeds the hungry; it comforts the sorrowful; it shelters the destitute; it aids and consoles the sad; it returns good for evil; it serves those that harm it; it prays for those that persecute it; teaches, admonishes, and reproves with the Word of the Lord; it seeks that which is lost; it binds up that which is wounded; it heals that which is diseased and it saves that which is sound; it has become all things to all men. The persecution, suffering and anguish which befalls it for the sake of the truth of the Lord is to it a glorious joy and consolation.

All those who have such a faith, a faith that yearns to walk in the commandments of the Lord, to do the will of the Lord; these press on to all righteousness, love and obedience. These prove that the Word and will of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ is true wisdom, truth, and love, is unchangeable and immutable until Christ Jesus shall come again in the clouds of heaven at the judgement day. These will not make light of God's Word as does the ignorant world, saying, 'What good can Water do me?' But they diligently try to obey the Word of Christ in every particular, even if it leads to death for the body.

Menno Simons

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