

COTTONWOOD STATION REVIEW

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TOPEKA FARM SHOW

photos by Kevin Kirkwood



Association member Kenneth Elliot, Tecumseh, teaches the young kids how to operate his hand crank corn sheller and grist mill.



Once again we were given the opportunity along with the Kansas IHC Chapter 3 club to advertise our associations and show dates at the 27th. Topeka Farm Show held at the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka, Ks. on January 5, 6, and 7th. We were assigned to the Domer Arena in the same place as last year but our display area was much smaller.

Kenneth Elliot had an interactive display for the younger crowd. He was kept busy showing the kids how his machines worked. Member Bill Bickel, Meriden displayed an Ottawa log saw powered by a 5 horsepower Ottawa gasoline engine. Gary Bowen had his 1919 Rumely Oil Pull tractor on display and Gary Naylor, Topeka, had several small

gasoline engines to admire. Carol and Susie Kirkwood were busy handling paper work, selling chances on the quilt and cedar chest while signing up new members. Jody Kirkwood, Merrill Lovendahl, Bill Bickel, Paul Dunlap, Dan Kennedy, were present each day. IHC club members and co-members present were Wayne Anderson, Greg Coker and wife. Kevin and Julie Kirkwood supplied a computer and video monitor which ran a continuous supply of photos taken by Kevin throughout the year to display our purpose.

NEW APPLE CIDER STATION



Cider Director

Kathy Petesch



Emily and Kathy At The Cider Factory

It was approved to build a new cider press exhibition area to include a covered concrete slab. This will allow the workers a nice level place to work out of the sun and make clean up a faster operation. Kathy Petesch, Meriden, Emily Petesch, Meriden and Rodney Stevens, McLouth are the directors and demonstrators of the exhibit. Kathy reports, "We had a great year for the Fall Festival. Only thing that went wrong was it rained on Saturday night and made it muddy as heck for Sunday." Kathy said, "9 others, and herself, picked two bins of apples from Flora DeBacker's apple orchard. Flora DeBacker donated us 265, 1/2 gallon jugs and lids for the cider this year. So we did not have to buy those which made it really nice. We bought 3 bins from Rees Orchard. They were all pretty juicy apples. It would take 3 buckets of apples to fill one of our wooden baskets, and that would make 2 gallons of cider which is not bad but we have had better cider in years past. On Friday, the 23rd, we

had school day and the schools that came were Valley Falls, V-Tech, Washburn, some home school kids and parents, Oskaloosa and Jeff West. There was 177 students and 41 adults that we served cider too. they all liked our station the best. We sold 54 gallons, 28 1/2 gallons, 54 bottles and 60 glasses the whole weekend so we did really good. I am retiring from Apple Cider Director but it has been 38 yrs. since I started helping make cider. So it is time for the younger generation to take it over." Apple Cider Director, Kathy Petesch.

Nishide Petesch-Lamb and Rodney Stevens relieving Kathy and Emily.



Can You Here Me Now!

NEW PUBLIC

ADDRESS SYSTEM

Member and Public Address announcer, Merlyn Mahoney, Ozawkie, along with Larry Heilmann, Topeka have installed a long needed update to our PA system. Our old system was installed in the 1970's using an old amplifier system with the speakers and microphone being connected with wiring and was restricted mostly to the announcers stand.

The new system is completely wireless and Merlyn will be able to broadcast anywhere on the grounds using his wireless microphone.

Installing communications systems is Mr. Heilmann's business. He has helped several organizations to purchase and install these systems at a low cost to non profit clubs.



New Security Gate

A security gate as been installed at the entrance to the show grounds. These locked gates are a result of items being removed from the show grounds by unauthorized persons. A new retaining cable has also been installed from the entrance gate running east along the highway right of way to the east property line. Access to the grounds is still available by foot only for those who like to take photos around the grounds.

Music In The Hay Barn

Entertainment Director, Kathy Petesch, Meriden, produced another year of fine entertainment in the Lenora Bowen Memorial Hay Barn. Kathy reports: "At the July show Triple Shot Band with Tony Lansing played on Friday night. There was a great crowd to listen to some awesome country music. Seems the crowd always enjoy dancing to the Triple Shot Band. On Saturday night our band was Southern Reign band from Leavenworth. They are a Classic Rock and some country music band. I wanted to give them a try at our show. Some people liked them but most



didn't as there wasn't enough country music to waltz, swing, or two step too. We should have great music next year. The band Silver Road is hired for both Friday and Saturday night at the

July's show. They are country all the way. The band I hired on Saturday night of the Fall Festival for September 23, 2017 will be a new band from Lawrence, Ks. called 4Closure Band. They play all country and some old rock-n-roll. Looking forward to another great year with the M. A. E. T. A. Club."

New Oil Field Engine Building

At the Association's November meeting it was approved to allow the Gary Bowen family to install a building to permanently display oil field gas engines belonging to him and friend Derek Staple both of Meriden. This building is 30' x 40' in size with 8' side walls. The sides will be open for viewing the engines. The building will protect a 22 horsepower Bessemer engine two 25 horsepower Superiors and a 20 hp Reid. Jim Noll sawmill director sawed to 8"x8"x8' beams during the Fall Festival to mount the Bessemer engine on.

Outhouse New Addition To Log Cabin

In July a 1930 vintage restroom, "out house", little house", back house", "privy" was installed behind the log cabin. It was donated by Tom and Barbara Osterhaus, Overbrook, Ks.

Invented sometime during the colonial period, they were usually a wooden structure, sitting over an earthen pit, and constructed for easy relocation as the pit filled up. These structures would accommodate one or more holes with some sort of application for venting and light. Some had reliefs cut in the door. The crescent moon is one example. While others may have a vent pipe and sometimes both. Toilet paper consisted of old newspapers, catalogs and corn cobs.



Between 1935 and 1943, the Work Projects Administration, built nearly 2.3 million sanitary privies. The WPA concrete vault sanitary privies provided a substantial change in the sanitation quality for public health.

Our new vintage restroom is for display only and not open for business.

Don Harvey, my good friend for nearly 50 years, is a master machinist and mechanic. Don is also a qualified steam engine operator and builder. He is on the Board of Directors of the Albany Days tractor and engine show near Sabetha, Ks. He has operated the sawmill at Albany Days for over 30 years. This was the first year for his self built tractor at our show.



Don Harvey, Sabetha, Ks. and His Model Rumely Oil Pull Tractor.



photo by gary bowen

NEW LAGOON



photo by gary bowen

After years of trying to combat the overwhelming production of waste water during the shows and many suggestions on how to handle the problem, it was approved to in-

stall a lagoon system. About April 1st., Caleb Kearney and Austin Chapman began building the lagoon.



April 16, workers gathered around the new lagoon installing a retaining fence. Pictured are Bill Bickel, Jim Noll, Meryl Lovendahl, Jody Kirkwood

Directors Make It All Possible

To keep things organized and maintained the Association has elected Directors. These directors have offered to take charge of an area, of there interest, to keep the officers and membership aware of current situations. During shows some are stationed at there demonstration area, while others are helping with camping, parking, and organizational duties. These directors are;

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Knudsen Baling | Dennis Knudsen |
| Threshing | Jerry McGrath |
| Bloomfield Church | Carol Kirkwood |
| Log Cabin | Bob & Betty Stiles |
| General Store | Carolyn McGrath |
| Print Shop | Steve Johnson |
| Sorghum | Merlyn Mahoney |
| Sawmill | Jim Noll |
| Livery Barn | Paul Dunlap & Dr. Malm |
| Simms Building | James Clouston |
| Blacksmith Shop | Keith & Kirk |
| " | Jackson |
| Flour Mill | Bob Hjetland |
| " | Gary Bowen |

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| Kitchen | Jolene Bickel |
| Gas Engines | Gary Naylor & Jr. Butler |
| 22 HP Fairbanks | Gary Naylor |
| Camping | Susan Naylor |
| Flea Markets | Russ Dunlap |
| Parking & Gate | Jody Kirkwood |
| Antique Tractor Pull | Jess Noll & Pat Herring |
| Classic Tractor Pull | Jess Noll |
| Garden Tractor Pull | Jess Noll |
| " | Rodney Stevens |
| " | Gary Bowen |
| Data Base | Merlyn Mahoney |
| Parade | Carol Kirkwood |
| Advertising | Heather Dunlap |
| " | Gary Bowen |
| Newsletter | Kerrel Bauerly |
| Web Master | Brian Reilly |
| Boiler Inspector | Emily Petesch |
| Cider | Rodney Stevens |
| " | Dennis Knudsen |
| Donations | Jim Noll |
| " | Gary Bowen |

The Printer's Hat



A printer's (or carpenter's) hat is a traditional, box shaped, folded paper hat, formerly worn by craft tradesmen such as

carpenters, masons, painters and printers. Paper hats became popular during the Regency era, 1811 to 1820 when use of these hats become much more widespread among an expanding number of craftsmen and tradesmen.



photo by Kathy Petesch

On April 12, the Warren Hollis family held a "Test your garden tractor pull" at the show grounds. Warren and his family are new owners of a self propelled garden tractor pull sled and put it to the test along side the tractors.



photo by Kathy Petesch

Denise Stevens, Lecompton, and nephew, Ethan Michael Martin, watch as her brother Rodney Stevens pulls his garden tractor.

SAWMILL DONATED

Harry Kahle, Topeka, has donated a sawmill to the Association. It was abandoned many years ago and hidden under a wild blackberry bush and brush. Association members looked at it during the summer months but could not see much of it because of the extremely heavy brush. Along with high summer temperature and humidity it was decided to wait until fall or winter to remove it.

On November 12, Jerry McGrath with his Case Uniloader, Jim Noll, Derek Staple, Jess Noll, and Myself drove to Mr. Kahle's farm and loaded the sawmill on Jim's trailer.

Any of the remaining wooden parts had rotted, the parts were partially buried in the dirt. Jerry and his loader were able to fish them out of the tangled mess of brush.

The main husk assembly and saw blade were missing due to some theft according to Mr. Kahle.



Above Jerry McGrath lifts parts of the sawmill out of the dirt and brush with his loader.

Below Jerry is loading the last piece on the trailer while Derek and Jim secure the pieces with chains.



Antique Tractor Pulling

Tractor Pull Sponsors For 2016

The following are Companies who contributed funds toward the tractor pulls. Because of their generous donations we were able to produce some quality tractor pulls.

Barnett Family Funeral Home	150.00
Modern AG Services	150.00
Taylor Insurance Services	100.00
Murrfield Farms Supply	100.00
B&D Radiator	100.00
Harker Insurance & Real Estate	100.00
Parts City	100.00
Jeff West Junction	100.00
Chunkie Dunkers	100.00
Ag Insurance LLC	100.00
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Ray's Towing	100.00
Mulligans Restaurant	100.00
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Lonestar Tire	100.00
BP McLouth	100.00
Winchester Meat Processing Inc.	100.00
T&D's Place	100.00
Downtown Barber Shop	100.00
Oskaloosa Lumber	100.00
Kramer Agency, Inc.	100.00
Hollis Trucking	100.00
G&M Lawns LLC	100.00
Pia Friend Realty	100.00
Western Hardware and Auto	100.00
R&S Maintenance Services Inc.	100.00
Denison State Bank	100.00
Bank Of Oskaloosa	100.00
United Country Heart Of America	
Real Estate & Auction	100.00
Valley Truck and Tractor	100.00
Heinen P-H-E Services, Inc	100.00
Aahhsome Blossom LLC	100.00
Ernest-Spencer Metals Inc.	100.00
Game Day Bar & Grill	100.00
Heinen Repair Service	100.00
Kendall State Bank	100.00
Country Harvest	75.00
Perry Milling	50.00
Almost Home Cafe	50.00
J&T Liquor	50.00
J. B. Pearl Sales & Service	50.00
Meriden Chiropractic	50.00
Rub A Dub Dog	25.00
Mark's Sons Automotive	25.00
Village Greens	25.00

Antique Tractor Pull Results

Stock 3500 lbs.

- Kyle Bonham 1959 Oliver
- Justin Vanwinkle 1951 Oliver
- Marty Crowley 1951 John Deere
- Tyler Cousen 1954 Ford
- Jim Sack 1951 Oliver
- Preston Lutz 1936 AC
- Doug Porter 1953 WD-45 AC
- Jennifer Simmons 1939 John Deere

Stock 4500 lbs.

- Kyle Bonham 1950- 77 Oliver
- Justin Vanwinkle 1951 - 77 Oliver
- Edwin Brokamp 1939 - A John Deere
- Tyler Coursen 1954 - 950 Ford
- Keith Adams 1937 - A John Deere
- Preston Lutz 1936 - A John Deere
- Roger Brandt 1935 - A John Deere
- Doug Porter 1953 - WD45 Allis
- Marty Crowley 1951 - B John Deere
- Amy Stone - Z Minneapolis

Stock 5000 lbs.

- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Doug Porter 1953 - Super M IHC
- Mike Schneck 1948 - M IHC
- Nicole Klenklen 1950 - 44 Massey H
- Pam Woohen 1938 - A John Deere
- Amy Stone - Z Minneapolis
- Ecwin Brokamp 1939 - A John Deere
- Kyle Stapel 1951- 44 Massey H.

Stock 5500 lbs.

- Spencer Wentz 1953 - M IHC
- David Porter 1957 - 460 Farmal
- Mike Schneck 1948 - M Farmal
- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Doug Porter 1953 - Super M IHC
- Nicole Klenklen 1950 - 44 Massey H
- Preston Lutz 1929 - 22/36 McDe

Stock 6000 lbs.

- David Porter 1957 - 450 Farmall
- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Spencer Wentz 1933 - L Case
- Ralph Porter 1953 - Super M IHC
- Mike Schneck 1948 - M Farmall
- Preston Lutz 1929 - 2236McDe

Stock 6500 lbs.

- David Porter 1957 - 450 Farmall
- Spencer Wentz 1929 - 22/36 McDe
- Mike Schneck 1948 - M Farmall

- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Doug Porter 1953 - Super M IHC
- Preston Lutz 1929 - 22/36 McDe
- Carl Herring 1947 - G John Deere

Stock 7000 lbs.

- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Spencer Wentz 1929 - 22/36 McDe
- Jessica Rodecap 1951 - A John Deere
- Preston Lutz 1929 - 22/36 McDe
- Carl Herring 1947 - G John Deere

Stock 7500 lbs.

- Rick Stapel 1948 - U Minneapolis
- Spencer Wentz 1929 - 22/36 McDe
- Pat Davis 1959 - A John Deere
- Carl Herring 1947 - G John Deere

Modified 3500 lbs.

- Tim Johnson 1951 - H Farmall
- Keven Bonham 1950 - 77 Oliver
- Shane Kramer 1941 - WC Allis Ch
- Tyler Coursen 1954 - 950 Ford
- Justin Vanwinkle 1951 - 77 Oliver
- Jim Sack 1941 - WC Allis Ch

Modified 4000 lbs.

- Shane Kramer 1941 - WC Allis Ch
- Tim Johnson 1951 - H Farmall
- John Bergman 1955 - WD45 Allis C
- Jerrett Bray 1951 - 88 Oliver
- Tyler Coursen 1954 - 950 Ford

Modified 4500 lbs.

- Dale Robb M Farmall
- Tim Johnson 1951 - H Farmall
- Bill Kramer 1957 - D-17 Allis C
- Shane Kramer 1941 - WC Allis Ch
- John Bergman 1955 - WD45 Allis C
- Jerrett Bray 1954 - 88 Oliver

Modified 5000 lbs.

- Kyle Sieve M Farmall
- Dale Robb M Farmall
- Mike Bray 1949 - 88 Oliver
- Cory Gantz MTA Farmall
- Bill Kramer 1957 - D-17 Allis C
- Paul Biittler 1951 - U Minneapolis
- Al Stone 1951 - U Minneapolis

Modified 5500 lbs.

- Kyle Sieve M Farmall
- Dale Robb M Farmall
- Lyle Wiley 1938 - G John Deere
- Bill Kramer 1957 - D17 Allis Ch
- Al Stone 1951 - U Minneapolis

Modified 6000 lbs.

- Kevin Stone 1951 - G Minneapolis
- Spencer Wentz 1929 - 22/36 McC Deer
- Al Stone 1951 - U Minneapolis
- Jessica Rodecap 1951 - A John Deere
- Lyle Wiley 1938 - G John Deere
- Shelby Stapel 1951 - G Minneapolis

Modified 6500 lbs.

- James Springer 1951 - G Minneapolis
- Lyle Wiley 1938 - G John Deere
- Shelby Stapel 1951 - G Minneapolis
- Pat Davis 1951 - A John Deere

Modified 7000 lbs.

- Shelby Stapel 1951 - G Minneapolis
- Joe Harris 1938 - G John Deere
- James Springer 1951 - G Minneapolis

Modified 7500 lbs.

- Shelby Stapel 1951 - G Minneapolis
- James Springer 1951 - G Minneapolis

Open 3500 lbs.

- Tyler Coursen 1954 - 950 Ford

Open 4000 lbs.

- Cory Gantz 88 Oliver

Open 4500 lbs.

- Cory Gantz 88 Oliver
- Mark Sieve M Farmall

Open 5000 lbs.

- Al Stone 1951 - U Minneapolis
- Paul Biittler 1951 - U Minneapolis
- Cory Gantz 88 Oliver

Open 5500 lbs.

- Kevin Stone 1959 - G Minneapolis
- Paul Biittler 1951 - U Minneapolis

Open 6000 lbs.

- Wayne Stone 1959 - G Minneapolis

Open 6500 lbs.

- Wayne Stone 1959 - G Minneapolis

Open 7000 lbs.

- Preston Lutz

Open 7500 lbs.

- Preston Lutz

Diesel

- Adam Becker



WHAT IS THE RAREST JOHN DEERE TRACTOR THE ONE THAT CAN OUT PULL A FARMALL

YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL A TRACTOR PULLER BUT YOU CAN'T TELL HIM MUCH.



Director Reports

GENERAL STORE

Directors: Emily & Carolyn McGrath

The store was open for visitors at the summer and fall show. They had the opportunity to view various donated antique items on display and visit the Post Office in the corner. Candy and pop were available for sale. The store is also one of the locations where exhibitors can register their engines and equipment being exhibited at the show.

Membership applications are also available for those interested in joining the association. Thank you to Chuck Wilson, "Chucks Heating and Cooling", Meriden, for donating and installing an air conditioner in the store.



From the Chuckwagon

Director Jolene Bickel Reports

The food menu at the Chuckwagon has grown since I took over in 2009. (But, maybe not enough.)

During the September show we had some very special customers that asked "Do you serve Champ?" I am usually not at a loss for words but didn't quite know how to answer the question as I wasn't sure what "Champ" was. So, I asked "What is Champ and where are you 3 from?" Their answer was "We are from North Ireland and Champ is an Irish Potato dish." When they explained how to make it I told them it sounded



much like our garlic mashed potatoes.

I looked on the Internet later and found this: Irish Champ looks similar to Colcannon but Champ is native to North of Ireland. It's made by blending scallions or green onions with creamy mashed potatoes. Salt, Pepper and Butter are added to enhance the flavor.

These 3 fellows make a yearly trip to the States to attend shows like we put on at Cottonwood Station. We are honored they selected Meriden, Kansas for this year's trip and hope they can come back and see us again.



In July the Chuckwagon made a profit of \$6,350 and September made \$2,095 even though Sunday in September was a very rainy wet day, in fact, turned out to be a muddy mess.

Many friends and family along with volunteer students from the Villages, Inc. out of Topeka and Lawrence took part in making my job much easier to make the Chuckwagon a success. All the volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you to everyone for another successful year.

Kitchen volunteers and helpers decided some color needed to be added to the grounds. We have a dirt packer used to pack the exhibition track for tractor pulls and such. A friend gave me some Zinnia seeds so I cleaned out the bed of the packer and sowed seeds in late June. I think they all came up because we had some good color to look at going up and down the track. I hope the flowers were noticed and enjoyed.



The Annual Bloomfield Church Bazaar

Carol Kirkwood Reports

It was a nice evening for the bazaar. There were 105 dinners served which is about the same every year, between 90 and 110.

Starting at the Farm Show in Topeka in January until the night of the bazaar we sold 715 chances to win the quilt and 668 chances to win the cedar chest.

The beautiful quilt, was designed and built by member Roxie Barton, Valley Falls, and a cedar chest was built by association members at several work days in the Noll Woodshed in Nortonville.

Next year, tickets will be sold for a bedspread built by member Kathy Petesch, Meriden, and another quilt by Roxie. *History Of quilting Wikipedia*

One of the earliest existing decorative works is the Tristan quilt, made around 1360. Made in Sicily and is one of the earliest surviving quilts in the world, at least two sections survive at the V&A Museum in London and in Bargello Palace, Florence, Italy.



Bazaar History

It is unclear of the exact beginning of the Bloomfield Church Bazaar but was thought to be in the middle 1940's. The Bloomfield Community friends and neighbors purchased the church in 1943. The ladies in the Community, located about 8 miles north of Meriden, formed a club at that time and was called The Bloomfield Willing Workers Club, later to be shortened to The Bloomfield Club.

The ladies began having a dinner and bazaar yearly. Each of the 20 to 30 members donated a meat dish, vegetable, salad and dessert. Proceeds went for the upkeep of the building. The list of names for members I have in the records in the 1940's and 50's numbered 30.

The meal was changed to a soup supper in 1977 because of dwindling membership. The dinner and bazaar was held every year except 2003, when the church was moved to the show grounds. It was held again in 2004. **Carol Kirkwood reporter**

Fall Festival



The Crossley Engine

Perry and Judy Kolb from Newton, Kansas had their Crossley engine on display at the Fall Festival. The engine was built by Crossley Brothers Limited in Manchester England and used there to power a generator for electricity. It is a Type: P.111, built in 1919. The serial number is 79905. Records of the Crossley Company show there were

only 5 of these engines built exclusively to power generators. The engine has a six inch piston with an eleven inch stroke and produced its rated horsepower at 340 rpms. It was designed with extra heavy flywheels to help the engine run smoothly and maintain an even flow of electricity. Perry and Judy's display was a real show piece.

Apple Butter



Bill Kramer, Ozawkie, displays the art of peeling apples, with an apple peeler, with Carol Kirkwood, left, and Betty Stiles, right assisting in the operation. Jodie Kirkwood upper left is taking a short break. Meryl Lovendahl, Meriden, on the right is in charge of getting the product cooked to perfection while explaining the procedure to an interested spectator. The encyclopedia says "Apple butter was a popular way of using apples in colonial America." After further research apple butter was generally accredited to New England, many historians actually believe it was brought over by the Pennsylvania Dutch (you know, the Amish folks) and then fur-

ther rose to popularity in the Appalachia (you know, the Hillbillies). Traditionally, the preparation of apple butter was a weekend long community event. It all started early in the morning when the men would harvest several bushels of apples and then, as far as I could find, their work was done. The boys would gather firewood to heat the large copper kettles and then, as far as I could find, their work was done. The mothers peeled and sliced the apples. These were still the days when knives were used instead of peelers. It was said when peeling the apples this way whatever letter the discarded apple peel most resembled was the first initial of the person whom you will marry. It is said while the women were busy cutting their fingers from peeling the apples, while the men were lounging in hammocks, the women were secretly checking out the letters made by the peels to see who they should have actually married.

Apple Butter News Report By Kerril Bauerly

This year we made 120 jars of apple butter across the 3 days of the Fall Festival. We met to peel and chop apples on Thursday evening for Friday's Kids Day batches and we kept peeling and chopping through Saturday afternoon. The kids love to help peel apples and stir the apple butter. Is so fun to see many of them come back during the show and share with their parents or grandparents. The last batch came off on Sunday

afternoon and sold out before jars could cool! I want to thank the following helpers: Justin Pollom and daughter Kimber, Connie Payne, Jody and Carol Kirkwood, Merrill Lovendahl, Julie and Jamie Durand, Bill Kramer, Bob and Betty Stiles. Also, some of the kids from The Villages came up to help us stir. We got apples from Flora Debacker again this year, supplemented with apples from Rees Fruit Farm.



Is It Ready Yet?

That is the big question when cooking sorghum molasses. The crew, Fireman, Jerry McGrath, Topeka, left, Supervisor and head of marketing, Ida Mahoney, Ozawkie, waits for Director Merlyn Mahoney to give the words "It Is Ready".

Wikipedia encyclopedia

About sorghum? It is any of the many varieties of the sorghum grass whose stalks have a high sugar content. Sweet sorghum thrives better under drier and warmer conditions than many other crops and is grown primarily for forage, silage, and syrup production. Sweet sorghum syrup is sometime called "molasses"

or "sorghum molasses" in some regions of the United States, but the term molasses more properly refers to a different sweet syrup, made as a by-product of sugarcane or sugar beet sugar extraction.

Sorghum syrup and hot biscuits are a traditional breakfast in the Southern United States. Sorghum syrup is also used on pancakes, cornmeal mush, grits and other hot cereals. It can be used as a cooking ingredient with a similar sweetening effect as molasses, though blackstrap molasses still has a higher nutritional value than sorghum syrup in most regards.

Kids Day



Kids Day, a special day for all the fifth grade children in Jefferson County to visit and observe exhibits demonstrating different cultures from 1850 to 1930.

Dennis Knudsen, reported he received 67 thank you letters from the kids at Jefferson West and sent a reply to them all. It seemed the fur harvester exhibit was most popular.

Dennis shared one of the letters. "Dear Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association.

I had a greight time learning about antiques and how people lived in the mid to late 1800.

I loved all of the antique tractors and buildings.

I do not know what I liked best or what my favorite activity was but all I know is that I thought all the things were cool and interesting.

Thanks for having the time to teach me, Clayton"



**Checking Out The
Fur Harvester's Table**

GARY ROYER "SEPARATOR MAN"



Gary Royer, McLouth, takes his position on top of the machine as "Separator Man".

The Threshermans Review January 1910

The Separator Man must know how to do a great many things, also when and how to do them. He must watch his machine and keep every nut and bolt tight and every belt just the right tension, so there is no slipping or over strain on them. A good separator man can take a good up to date machine and run it 10 - 12 hours without stop and can thresh fast as well as slow and do good work. There is one thing often overlooked by the separator man and that is speed. In crowding a separator up to its capacity, it should be run faster

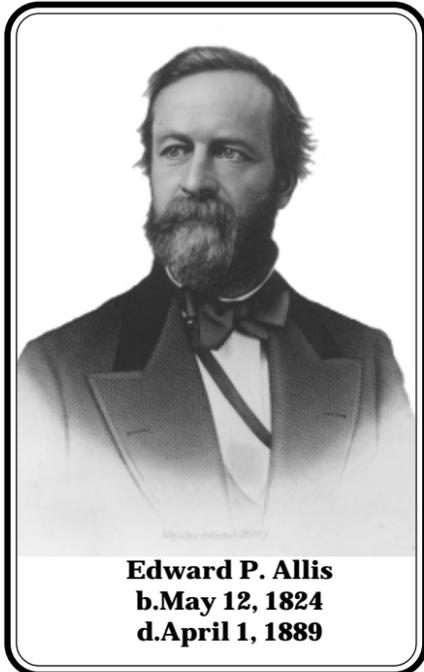
than when threshing slow. Don't allow the straw to fill up in the machine. He must know how to clean the grain nice as well as save it, as the farmer's don't like a dirty job. Do it up neat and clean. Know how to set the sieves to do the best work and how much wind to use. Use good oil as there is nothing gained in using poor, cheap oil. To prevent belts from slipping nothing works better than common yellow laundry soap. It is cheap and can be kept on the engine and used for washing up by the crew. A good separator man must take care of his reputation and also your machine.

**MORE THAN 6,000 DIFFERENT KINDS OF APPLES ARE
GROWN AROUND THE WORLD.**

Featured For 2016 Allis Chalmers

allis chalmers history museum

The history of Allis-Chalmers dates back to 1847; when the Decker & Seville Reliance Works was established in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The company was started by Charles Decker and James Seville and manufactured castings, sawing machinery, grist mills, and other heavy



Edward P. Allis
b. May 12, 1824
d. April 1, 1889

equipment. The Panic of 1857 brought the company down and was sold on a sheriff's sale on February 7, 1861.

Edward P. Allis had moved to Milwaukee from Cazenovia, New York, in 1846. Upon moving to Milwaukee, he was a partner in the leather business with a college friend, William Allen. Together, Allen and Allis founded the Wisconsin Leather Company in 1851. The two operated a store in Milwaukee and a tannery in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. In 1854 Allis sold his stake in the company. Allis bought the Reliance Works in 1861, and soon it was known as the Edward P. Allis & Company.

Edward P. Allis passed away on April 1, 1889. Before his death, Allis successfully turned his Reliance works into a thriving company, survived bankruptcy from the Panic of 1873, and surrounded himself with expert men who brought innovations to each field of the company's products. The company employed approximately 1,500 workers and reached \$3 million in annual

production.

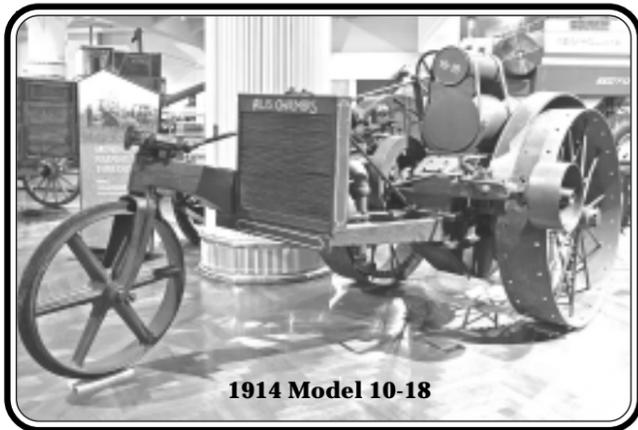
E. P. Allis & Co. earned the reputation as the largest steam engine builder in the United States, and the company needed room to expand the business. In 1900 a 110 acres was bought west of Milwaukee for the site of the new factory complex. The suburb would take on the name of the company that would establish headquarters there, West Allis. The new factory opened in September 1902.

In 1900 Edwin Reynolds, the general superintendent of E. P. Allis & Co. met William J. Chalmers, president of Fraser & Chalmers, in a hotel lobby in Chicago. The two businessmen talked of the possibility of merging the two companies. Soon after the Chicago meeting, other companies had joined in on merger talks. Fraser & Chalmers, E. P. Allis & Co., Gates Iron Works, and Dickson Mfg. Co., were all in on the merger deal. On May 8, 1901, the Allis Chalmers Company was incorporated in New Jersey. The merger formed a company that produced an extensive line of heavy, industrial machinery.

Allis Chalmers Co. experienced turbulence in its first decade of incorporation. A poor economy and feuding company officers pushed the company to the brink of bankruptcy. On April 8, 1912, the company went into receivership.

Otto H. Falk, one of the receivers, would make the firm prosperous again. On April 16, 1913, the company was reorganized and incorporated as the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, and Falk assumed the position as its president. One of the most notable product lines to be added was farm tractors in 1914.

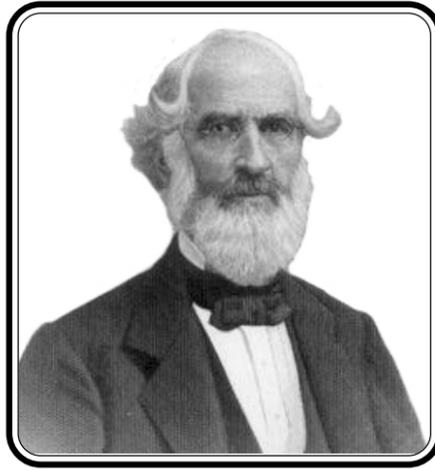
Early on, Allis Chalmers was only a small contender in the farm tractor market. The acquisitions of the LaCrosse Plow Company and the Advance Rumely Thresher Company propelled Allis Chalmers as an important farm equipment manufacturer. LaCrosse Plow Co. helped broaden the company's line of agricultural equipment. The Advance Rumely Co. gave Allis Chalmers the much needed dealership network needed to market its tractors. Allis Chalmers would soon be known for its bright orange tractors, but they were not always orange. In 1929 the Tractor Department Manager Harry Merritt saw the poppies in bloom on a trip to California. He decided on Persian Orange for the color of the tractors; replacing the color green. The rest is history. The company's Tractor Division would go on to pioneer in farm tractor advancements that included: first tractor with pneumatic tires, first power adjustable rims, and first turbocharged tractor, just to name a few.



1914 Model 10-18

Allis Chalmers entered the tractor business with a three wheeled tricycle type tractor weighing 4,800 pounds. Rated at 10 drawbar and 18 brake horsepower, it used a two cylinder opposed engine. Two tanks were situated at the left side of the operator. A small one for gasoline used in starting, and a main tank for kerosene which was used after the engine warmed up. It pulled three 14 inch plows.

Featured For 2016 Fairbanks Morse



Thaddeus Fairbanks
b. January 17, 1796
d. April 12, 1886

Fairbanks Morse and Company began in 1823 when inventor Thaddeus Fairbanks opened an ironworks in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to manufacture two of his patented inventions: a cast iron plow and a heating stove. In 1829 he started a hemp dressing business for which he built the machinery. Though unsuccessful in fabricating for fiber factories, another invention by Thaddeus, the platform scale, formed the basis for a great enterprise. That device was patented in June 1832, and a generation later, the E. & T. Fairbanks & Company was selling thousands of scales, first in the United States, later Europe, South America and even Imperial China.

Note: We have a Fairbanks in-the-floor flour barrel scale in the Cottonwood Station Flour Mill. After sending photos to the Fairbanks Morse headquarters in Kansas City, their records did not go back far enough to identify and date our scale. Bob and I purchased it from an 1880, steam powered, flour mill in Nashville, Illinois.

In Wisconsin, L. Wheeler designed a durable windmill for pumping water, the Eclipse windmill. Wheeler set up shop in Beloit just after the Civil War. Soon half a million windmills dotted the landscape throughout the West and as far away as Australia.

At about the same time, a Fairbanks & Company employee, Charles Hosmer Morse, opened a Fairbanks office in Chicago, from which he expanded the company's territory of operation and widened its product line. As part of this expansion, Morse brought Wheeler and his Eclipse windmill pumps into business with the Fairbanks company. Morse later became a partner in the Fairbanks company and by the end of the nineteenth century, it was known as Fairbanks Morse & Company and was headquartered in Chicago.

In the late nineteenth century, business expanded in the Western United States, as did the company's catalog. It grew to include typewriters, hand trucks, railway velocipedes, pumps, tractors and a



Charles Hosmer Morse
b. September 23, 1833
d. May 5, 1921

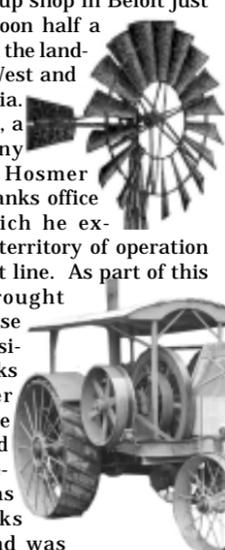
variety of warehouse and bulk shipping tools. The company became an industrial supplier distributing complete turn-key systems: Its 1910 catalog contained over 800 pages. The Fairbanks Morse Company began producing oil and naphtha engines in the 1893 (C.H. Wendell). The firm's gas engine was a success with farmers. Irrigation, electricity generation, and oil field work also benefited from these engines.

Here is a photo of the earliest surviving Fairbanks Morse engine. It is a 5 horsepower "Standard Horizontal Engine" with the serial number 419. It was built in either 1894 or 1895.

In September of 1916 (number 200,000) Fairbanks introduced a new engine line, the Z series. The 1, 3, 6 hp engines were headless, with valves and igniters on the governor side. Headless describes a type of casting in which the cylinder and head were cast with the crank case body as one unit. Rotary, Sumter magnetos were used on these early Z engines and were driven by the crankshaft gear. Headless construction for all models was short lived because of the difficulty of overhauling and take down of the engine. Headless engines were characterized by a governor located on the upper left side of the cam gear. The Z was soon made in sizes up to 20 horsepower. Over a half million units were produced the following 30 years. The model Z found favor with farmers, while the Model N, built from 1906 to 1914 was popular in stationary industrial applications.

Note: The model N Fairbanks Morse engine on display at the show grounds is a very desirable engine. There were very few 22 horsepower model N's built. This engine was used in an elevator in Redding, Ks. The Reverend William Hurtig salvaged the engine and maintained it until he and his family placed it on loan to our association.

For a timeline of the Fairbanks Morse Co. go to www.fairbanksmorse.com/pdf/fme_time_line.pdf (hopefully this web site will be available by the time this newsletter is written.)



A Rare 1910 Fairbanks Morse Tractor

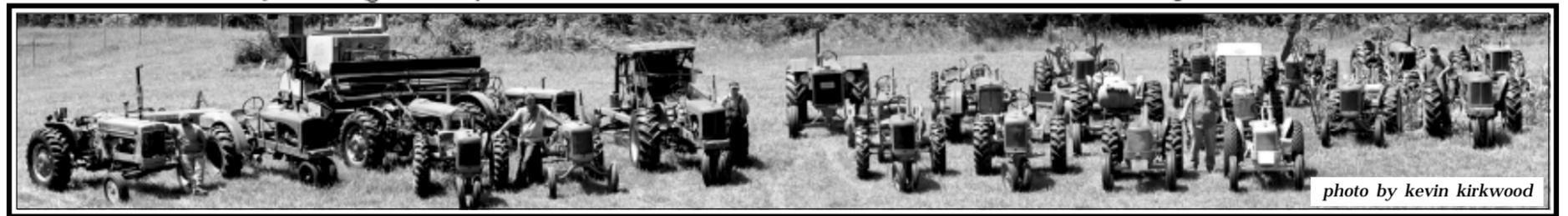


photo by kevin kirkwood

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IF YOU HAVE ONE OR BOTH WE INVITE YOU TO DISPLAY THEM.

Donations

Austin Chapman and **Caleb Kearney**, Oskaloosa, \$2500.00 of labor for installation of the septic lagoon.
Gene Heinen, Meriden, A 20" bell for the Bloomfield Church and 20 cedar logs for the sawmill.
 Dirt to build the pad for the Bowen and Stapel engine building.
Sherry Ross, Meriden, 25 pieces of antique barbed wire for the Wheelright Building.
Sarah Hollis, Valley Falls, donated pulled pork to the kitchen for the garden tractor pull in April.
WTF Fabrication, Topeka, steel pipe for construction of the new security gates at the showground entrance.
David Fansler, Topeka, A portable John Deere powered wood splitter.
Arlan Myer, Meriden, donated a 1930 circa Edison phonograph player with three boxes of records.
Ruth Blodgett, Topeka, donated a John Deere 2 row potato planter and a John Deere 1 row potato digger.
Central Kansas Flywheels Museum, Salina, Ks., donated a Buhler laboratory flour, testing, mill to the Cottonwood Station Milling Co.
Verlin and Connie Green, Perry, Ks., an original oil lamp converted to electric from the Bloomfield Church.
J. B Pearl Agriculture, St. Marys, Ks., donated 1000 pounds of seed wheat for planting at the show grounds this fall.
Henry Kahle, Topeka, an old saw mill.
Derek Staple, Meriden, donated a 1 hp electric motor to the flour mill.
Bill Stanley, Topeka, donated 3 balls of binder twine.
J. B. Pearl Sales & Service Inc., Perry, donated 800 lbs. of Everest Seed Wheat and 16 units of Crossmaxx & Vbronze Seed Treatment.

Bloomfield Church Director Carol Kirkwood Reports

A ceiling was added to the front part of the church in June. Association members; Nashide Petesch-Lamb, Paul Dunlap, Jody Kirkwood, Jim Noll, Merrill Lovendahl, and Bill Bickel did the work. They also installed a dark brown wood trim with a cross on the two top corners and Jim Noll added a beautiful large cross in the middle.

An original early oil lamp from the church, converted to an electric lamp was donated back to the church by Verlin and Connie Green, Perry, Ks. in memory of Hazel Meller. It was installed behind the large cross in the middle and really sets it all off.



Treasurer Report From Treasurer Kerril Bauerly



The 2016 Summer Threshing Show was the second biggest in recent memory. 970 people paid admission at the gate and 134 veterans received free admission. In addition, we had 130 hooks for the antique tractor pull and 345 hooks for the garden tractor pull. There were over 100 tractors exhibited on Saturday and over 100 gas engines on display. While it rained on Sunday of the Fall Festival, we still had over 300 people come through the gate for the weekend. There were 159 hooks on Saturday for the garden tractor pull. Sunday's pull got rained out. We raised over \$4,200.00 in tractor pull sponsorships in 2016. Tractor pull sponsors who donate \$100.00 or more get buttons for the summer show and a sign for their business that is placed along the track during both shows. To become a tractor pull sponsor, please contact John Steinmetz at 785-217-6718 or 913-796-6552. Thanks to the kids from the Villages for providing parking assistance at both shows. They certainly helped traffic flow smoother. We rented the grounds out for various activities, including weddings, parties, a tractor pull, and the local church drive-through nativity. A reminder for people who donate, please contact Kerril if you need a receipt. Cash contributions and charitable miles are deductible on your income taxes if you itemize. If you drop money into one of the donation boxes and want a receipt, drop in a note with your address as well.

Web Page Notes by Kerril Bauerly

Don't forget to visit our web page at www.meridenthreshers.org. The frequently asked questions (FAQ) link has been updated recently. Please let Kerril know if we need to add any information. You can always find electronic copies of the show flyers and newsletters on our web page. As always, you can like us on Facebook/meridenthreshers. This year, we grew from 650 likes in December 2015 to 822 likes following the Fall Show. Tell your friends about us! Help us get to 1000 by the 2017 Summer Show. Our Facebook page administrators are Kevin Kirkwood, Jesse Noll, Jody Kirkwood, and Kerril Bauerly. While we all post at various times, the lion's share of the work falls on Kevin. As a professional photographer, his photos always show a unique perspective. We did a daily countdown to both shows and the frequent posts during each of the show. Kevin did a terrific job during the Summer Show, constantly posting videos and pictures. He really ratcheted up our exposure.

Threshing Directors Jerry & D.G. McGrath

Director Jerry McGrath reports there were three threshing machines threshing grain at the July show. During the three day show they threshed six wagon loads of wheat bundles.

Electrical Director Bill Bickel Reports

It was another successful year with the exception of rain on Sunday at the Fall Show. No electrical problems were incurred. I am slowly getting all light bulbs changed to CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) or LED (light emitting diode). Switching to these will be a considerable savings on our light bill but the initial cost is more. We need to start thinking about the future as far as electricity usage as we are close to maximizing our current electrical structure. A new air conditioning unit was installed in the General Store this year and a new apple cider shack will be built before next Fall which will add an additional load to the electrical pane.

Association Show Grounds 1979.



Bob and I, at the Central Kansas Flywheels Museum in Salina, Ks., with the Buhler flour, test, mill loaded and ready to come home.

Flour Mill Directors Bob Hjetland, Topeka and Gary Bowen, Meriden

Traffic through the flour mill was continuous during the tractor show in July. We had people from many different states and countries visit us at the mill. Some people just like to watch all the belts and machines running while others will ask questions and talk about the art of making flour long periods of time. It becomes quite crowded in the mill sometimes and we don't get a chance to give everyone a personal demonstration of the milling process. We gave a short demonstration to all the fifth graders at Kids Day before the Fall Festival. It is surprising how many of these kids do not know what wheat is or that flour comes from the wheat kernel. As always since we stopped milling flour for sale because of the rodent problem we still have many people wanting to buy some fresh milled flour.

On September 9, 2016, my wife, June and son, Travis, displayed our Mogul gas engine at the Central Kansas Flywheels Museum Show. It was the first time to attend the show and we got to meet some new antique collectors. Other than the Smithsonian Institute this museum is one of the largest and most organized museums we have visited. While touring the museum I came across a section of flour mill related machines and noticed this Buhler, laboratory, flour testing mill in excellent condition.

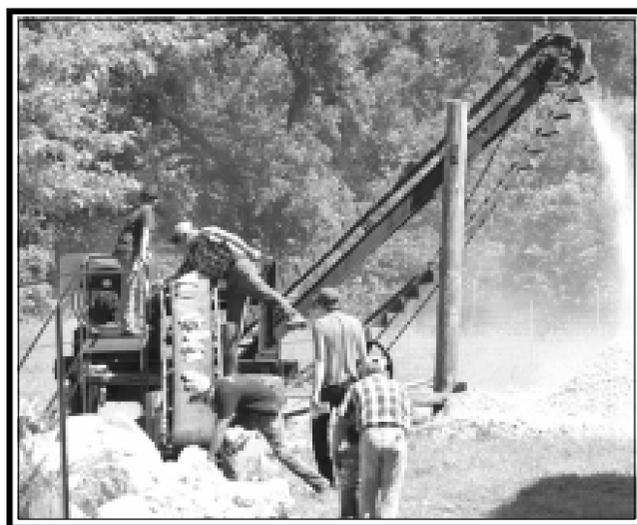
A laboratory flour mill test indicates milling properties on small wheat samples. Commercial flour mills use this information to adjust mill settings and optimize flour extraction. These tests are used to evaluate properties such as ash and protein content and gluten strength tests. The Buhler Laboratory flour mill is one of the most commonly used in the industry.

This is a machine Bob and I have been looking for since we purchased our first machine

back in 1998. As I stood there admiring the machine I wondered if there was any chance of us acquiring it. I met with the President of the Association, Mrs. Joan Caldwell and ask if the museum ever sold or traded any of these items. She told me they did and wanted to now what item I was interested in. She told me they had plans of putting the mill into operation but they had another similar mill like it out back of the building. She said if we were interested we could have that one. The mill was a different model but was almost identical to the one on display. She said they had been trying to find a home for it for a couple of years. They were about ready to sell it for scrap iron.

Bob and I drove back to Salina a few days later and brought the machine home. It is missing some inspection doors, there are some plastic hose needing replaced, someone had stolen the stainless steel knobs and it will need a complete cleaning. It is operated by two electric motors and one of them was missing. The other motor is a three phase motor. We will have to install two new single phase motors to match our power supply in the mill building. Once we have the machine in operating condition we plan to mill enough flour to sell during the shows. This is a small test mill and was designed to do small batches of grain at a time so we are not to sure how much we can produce in an hour.

If you get a chance stop by and visit the Flywheelers museum located at 1100 W. Diamond Dr. in Salina. Turn off I-70 at the Ninth St. exit (252). The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00am till 5:00pm. Make sure you have at least an hour or two. It is across the street from the KOA camp ground. Be sure to thank them for there generous donation.



The Old Rock Crusher

Member John Steinmetz makes adjustments to the rock crusher while the rest of the crew keep feeding the rock eating monster.

This rock crusher was used by the city of Horton, Kansas and donated to the Association in 1983 by Mike Bunk.

Log Cabin Directors: Bob and Betty Styles



An Edison Phonograph player and 3 boxes of original records has been donated to the Meyer log cabin by the family of the late Roy and Clara Myers. Roy and Clara owned the property where the show grounds are today along with property across Hwy 4. The property across Hwy 4 is where a steam engine and threshing crew accident occurred in 1931 killing two members of the crew, injuring others and some of the horses involved. Arlan and Peggy Myers have been care takers of the phonograph for many years and decided to allow others to admire it's antiquated beauty, by donating it to the Association.



Edison Phonograph

WHAT DO YOU CALL A RETIRED COWBOY? DERANGED.

Gasoline Engines

Close to 90 gasoline engines were on display Saturday at the July Show. The "Gas Engine Area" was filled with all sizes types and makes of engines from all over the area and out of state. Dierre & Becky Smith started their tour of gas engine and tractor shows from Fredericksburg, Texas. From our show, here in Meriden, they were heading for Hutchinson, Ks.,

Dierre & Becky Smith from Fredericksburg, Texas with their unique display of engines.

from there to Hastings, Minnesota. From Hastings they are steering toward Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and on to the big show at Portland, Indiana. On display here were several custom built gas engines. There was also a very rare hot air engine which powered an even more rare 1885 sewing machine. The Smiths' have been collecting engines and collectibles since 1988 and have over 30 engines in the collection.



John Keim and Travis McCoy

We were glad to welcome John Keim (left), Fairview, Ks. and Travis McCoy (right), Sabetha, Ks. when they arrived Saturday morning with a nice display of gasoline engines and model steam engines. Travis is an accomplished machinist and had some model steam engines he built from bronze and iron castings. Also on display was a free style model steam engine built from parts he designed and fabricated to reflect a Case 40 hp traction engine. Travis said his Dad, Dave, introduced him to stationary models when he was 13. He was told to read his copy of "How To Run a Lathe by South Bend Lathe Works". Travis is currently working as an IE Tech in a Machine Shop and has his own shop in his garage. Travis also had on display a 1916 Associated Chore Boy gasoline engine and a Maytag, model 92. This was the first show, other than Albany, he has put his collection on display.

John and his son Gary had a nice 4 hp Sandwick gasoline engine on its original set of trucks. John said it was an easy restore but needed Travis to machine a new cam bush-

ing for it. The also had on display a 2 hp Rock Island gas engine they purchased at the Don Prather engine auction. John said it was an easy restoration and was on original trucks and had the original crankshaft gaurd. Gary is quite interested in the early Fairbanks Morse engines and spent time with Gary Naylor and J.R. Butler on the Association's 22 hp Fairbanks Morse.

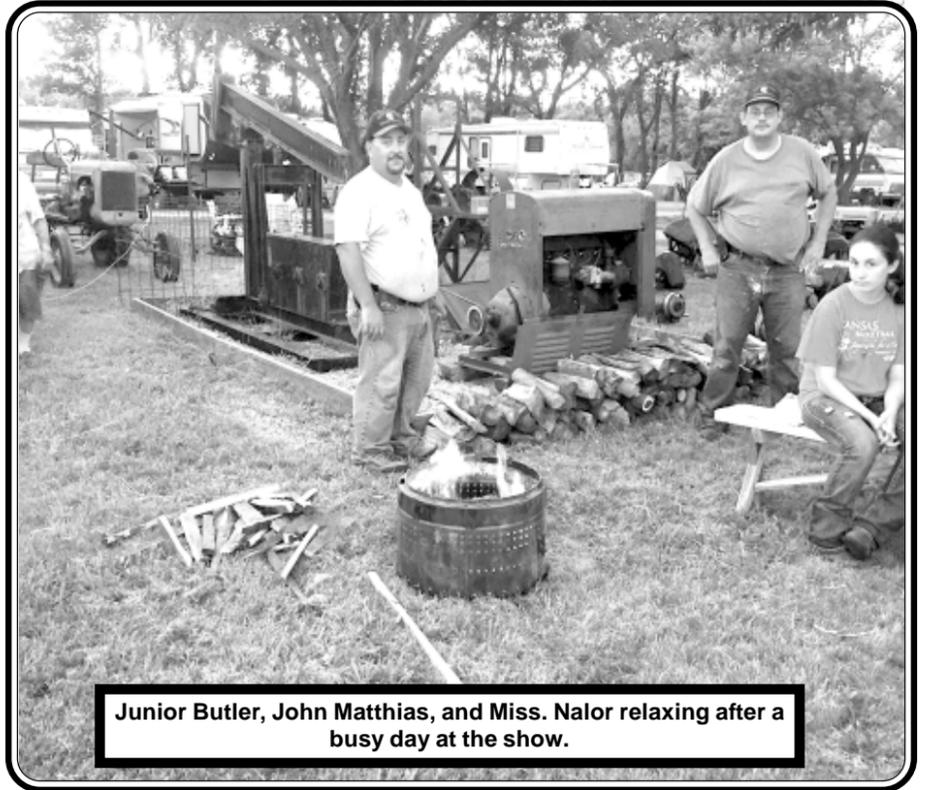
These three gentlemen are very active in the production of Old Albany Days tractor show 1 mile north of Sabetha, Ks.

Also from Sabetha was Paul Huffman, another active member of the Albany Days Show, with his 1920, 10 horsepower IHC model "M" gasoline engine and a 1968 AC B112 Garden Tractor/Loader. Other attending engine exhibitors, who registered, were: Wayne and Carol Harsch, Waverly, Ks., Jim Beal, Topeka, Dale Freeland, Valley Falls, Greg Porter, Hoyt, Derek Staple, Gary Bowen Meriden. Larry and Mike Moore, Oskaloosa. Ralph Blades came all the way from Hamilton, Missouri with a display of nicely restored engines.



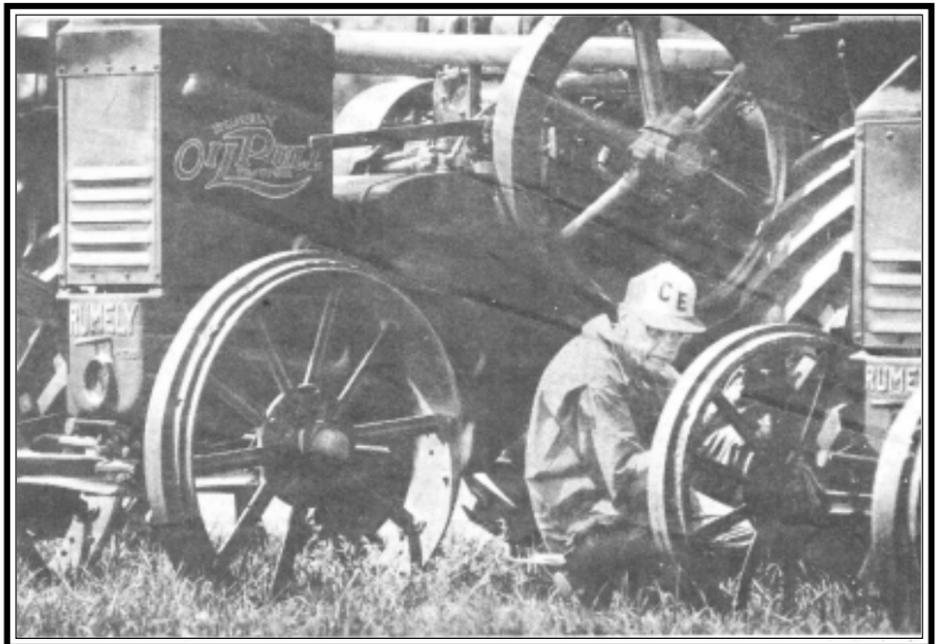
A Row Of Gasoline Engines. Over 90 Engines All Together.

MASON JARS WERE INVENTED IN 1858



Junior Butler, John Matthias, and Miss. Nalor relaxing after a busy day at the show.

1982 Out Of The Past 1982



Valley Falls Vindicator

G. J. Brull, North Kansas City, Mo., made sure his Rumely Oil Pull tractor was in A-1 condition before the start of the 6th annual Meriden Threshers' Show Friday. The show will continue through Sunday with old-time farm activities of threshing, sawmilling and wood splitting, musical entertainment and crafts displays.

In 1976 while forming the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association we needed some property to establish a show grounds. We found a 10 acre plot of ground suitable for the grounds but were limited on funds to make the purchase.

Member Kenny Thompson, Leavenworth, suggested we talk to friend Gabe Brull about securing a loan to purchase the 10 acres. Gabe and his sons ran the Clayco Electric Co. in North KC. He had restored and was storing his Oil Pulls in there building.

Kenny knew Gabe had three Rumely Oil Pull tractors and was looking for some property to store and operate his tractors on.

That year at the Platte County Steam and Gas Engine Show in Tracy Mo., Kenny introduced me to Gabe. We visited with him for awhile explaining about our Association and trying to find someone interested in

making a loan to purchase the ground.

Gabe seemed interested and a few weeks later called me and said he would loan the Association \$15,000 for the purchase at 6% interest. He requested once we had the main storage building built he would like to store his three Oil Pulls there year around.

After the building was complete Gabe sent one of his crews to wire the building for electricity. He donated all the parts and labor to complete the job. Gabe also donated several hundred feet of direct burial wiring, in the following years, to run electricity to other buildings as they were being built.

Gabe and his wife, Cecilia, were charter lifetime members and active in the Association for many years. Gabe was 93 at his death on April 3, 2009. Cecilia passed away in 2011 at 89 yrs.

The Print Shop

Director Steve Johnson Reports

The Print Shop was presented a new window air conditioner unit this year. Not a lot has changed in the shop this past year.

A lot of people who visit the shop

are surprised how much printing has changed over the last one hundred years. Setting type by hand was very time consuming compared to the way we do it today. Hand set type lost out in the 1950's and 60's to the offset system.

I welcome any retired printers or anyone interested in printing to come work in the shop during shows. It becomes so busy at times I can not make the printers caps the kids all like and answer all the questions coming through the door at the same time. Thank you all for another good year.

When was printing discovered?

Johannes Gutenberg started work on his printing press around 1436, in partnership with Andreas Dritzehen whom he had previously instructed in gem cutting and Andreas Heilmann, the owner of a paper mill.

Kenneth (Kenny) E. Thompson

January 18, 1926 - April 13, 2016

Kenneth E. Thompson, 90 passed away April 13, 2016, surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral Services will be 10 AM Monday, April 18, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran church, 2101 10th Ave, Leavenworth, Ks. Interment will be in the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-6 PM Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the church. Contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or VFW Post 56, Leavenworth, Ks. Kenny was born January 18, 1926 in Wesley, Iowa, the son of Harry and Mary Dallman Thompson. After serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War he began his career as a water purifier at the Fort Leavenworth Water Plant for over 34 years retiring in 1974. He owned and operated Thompson Trucking from 1974 to 1998. Kenny enjoyed blacksmithing and was a collector of antique steam engines, antique tractors specializing in Rumely tractors. He was founding member of the McLouth Threshing Bee, in McLouth Ks., and several other local threshing Bees. He was a member and past Commander of Post 56 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Leavenworth, Ks. He was a member of the church, The Henry Leavenworth Antique Car Club, Monday Coffee Club, Wire Grass Forge, Enterprise, Al, Florida Blacksmith Forge, Tallahassee,



Fl. Kenny was a member of the Hazel Nutcrackers Square Dance Club. His first date with Christina Gast-Asbury was a square dance. They were married April 20, 1991 in Leavenworth. She survives of the home. He was preceded in death by his first wife Edith Ingerson Thompson in 1982. His Step

daughter Rita Higgins 2008. He is survived by his children: Randy Thompson, Vicki Mapes, Mary (Bob) Rosenberger, John (Melissa) Asbury, Mark Asbury, Bruce (Christie) Asbury, Brian (Angie) Asbury. His Step son in law, Ed Higgins. 21 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, one great great grandson. The family would like to thank Pastor Damian Snyder, the staff and members of the Trinity Lutheran Church for all their prayers and support. They'd also like to thank Dr. Jeff Lawhead and the kind and gentle staff of Compassionate Care Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Davis Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be left on Kenny's online guestbook at www.davisfuneralchapelinc.com

Editors Note:

We met Kenny and his first wife Edith in 1970 at a threshing show in Albany Kansas. We all became friends and attended threshing shows most every weekend for many years. Kenny and Edith were charter members of our Association. Kenny held several different offices through the years. At work days our wives would prepare good food and a good time was had by all. Kenny, Melvin Rees my dad Everett Bowen and Myself, helped form and were charter members of Branch 19 of The Early Days Gas Engine Club. The club was organized at the Agriculture Hall Of Fame in Bonner Springs, Ks., in the late 1970's. Kenny was a kind and gentle man with a great sense of humor and intelligence. We will all miss him.

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Meeting Dates

Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings. They are on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning at 7 PM. (except for the month of December when there is no meeting). Meetings are held on the show grounds.

Our Purpose

The Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association is a non-profit organization. It was established in 1977 to preserve, through living history, the art of threshing, the appreciation of antique engines, along with occupations and cultures in small towns and rural areas in the state of Kansas.

Work Days

If you have, or see a project you would like to help with, contact one of the officers or members to arrange a work day. You can also call one of the officers to check on scheduled work days.

911 Address

8275 K-4 highway is the address assigned for the show grounds from the Jefferson County 911 office.

Editors Note

This newsletter is published once a year. If you have any information you would like to have made public, and is acceptable by the association, please send or email it to me before the 1st of November 2017.

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2017 Show Dates

Threshing Show - July 21 - 22 - 23
Fall Festival - Sept. 23 - 24

Total Membership For 2016

88

2016 Officers

President: Jess Noll
Vice President: Jody Kirkwood
Secretary: Emily Petesch
Treasurer: Kerril Bauerly

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Membership Application

Become a new member or renew your membership for 2017, by filling in the information below and mailing it along with \$20.00 to: MAETA, P.O. Box 254, Nortonville, Ks. 66066.

New Member please print
Renewal

Name: _____

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What are your interests? Steam - gas - tractors - engines - autos - equine - other _____

I can help at shows _____. Call me for work days _____



photo by gary bowen

This is Kenny at our 2nd Threshing Show with his model steam engine. Harold Royer in the background.

Dorma Rowene Allen

Dorma Rowene Allen, 89, Meriden, died Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Village Villa care facility in Nortonville, Ks.

Note: Dorma, her husband, the late John Allen and son John Allen Jr. were very active members of the Association when first formed and for many years after. John Jr. and his wife Michelle are charter lifetime members. In 1981, when the Kiwanis Club in Meriden could no longer operate the kitchen, the Association purchased the building and Dorma became the first Kitchen Director producing the first threshers dinner. Dorma was not one to sit around when there were things to be done. She was always ready to tackle any job. She was a good and faithful friend.

November Meeting Pot Luck Dinner

The November meeting and annual pot luck dinner was held on the 27th in the Bloomfield Church. Great food and fellowship was had by all. The annual dinner was started in the middle 1970's as a membership drive. Every member was ask to invite someone interested in antique engines and encourage them to becoming a new member of the Association.



Gaylord M. DuRee

March 20, 1934 - October 1, 2016

Gaylord was a tractor and engine collector most of his life. He attended our show quite often. Most avid collectors knew Gaylord and will always remember him as a good friend and miss his company.

Camping Reservations

To reserve a camping spot with electrical hookups call camping director Susan Nalor

785-379-5240

Threshing Show (3 nights) \$25.00
Fall Festival (2 nights) \$20.00

Spots may only be reserved for an entire show.