

COTTONWOOD STATION REVIEW

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COTTONWOOD STATION MAKES WORLD WIDE MAGAZINE

At the July Threshing Show Leslie C. McManus Senior Editor of the Farm Collector Magazine toured our exhibits on the show grounds and was meeting new people and learning about their hobby.

One of the fastest growing summer family destinations in the Midwest.

Leslie noted, "When Kevin Kirkwood used that phrase to describe the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association's summer show, I struggled to keep my eyebrows in place. But after spending a day at the show there was no doubt in my mind Kevin nailed it. The Meriden show delivered on every count."

As Leslie made her way around the show grounds she stopped and visited and photographed most of the exhibits and the people involved. After it was all over she collected enough photographs and interviews to cover 6 pages in the magazine with one being on the front cover.

Some of the exhibits Leslie covered were; The General Store, where she took photos and visited with store director Carolyn McGrath and her helpers. Carolyn told her, "We just like to make everybody feel at home."

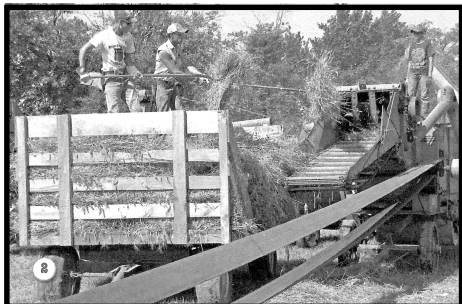
The Clark Jackson Blacksmith shop where she met Brian Ottaway accomplished blacksmith of the shop. She took a nice photo of Eli Henry practicing the art. Eli's great grandfather was a blacksmith.

Carol Kirkwood explained to Leslie the history of the Bloomfield Church with a nice photo of the Church taken by Carol's son Kevin.

Austin Chapman and Caleb Kearney explained how they restored their 1914 Rumely steam engine. Gary Royer assisted the two in operating the engine. Gary was the previous owner of the engine. His Dad, the late Harold Royer, owned the engine for many years and displayed it at all of our shows from the beginning.

Leslie had a nice photo of the men pitching bundles into the threshing machine.

At the Everett Bowen Sawmill Building she vis-



Jake McGrath Threshing Machine Operator, Watches Carefully As His Dad J.D. McGrath and Tucker Saunders Pitch Bundles Onto The Feeder.

Clark Davis Names Town

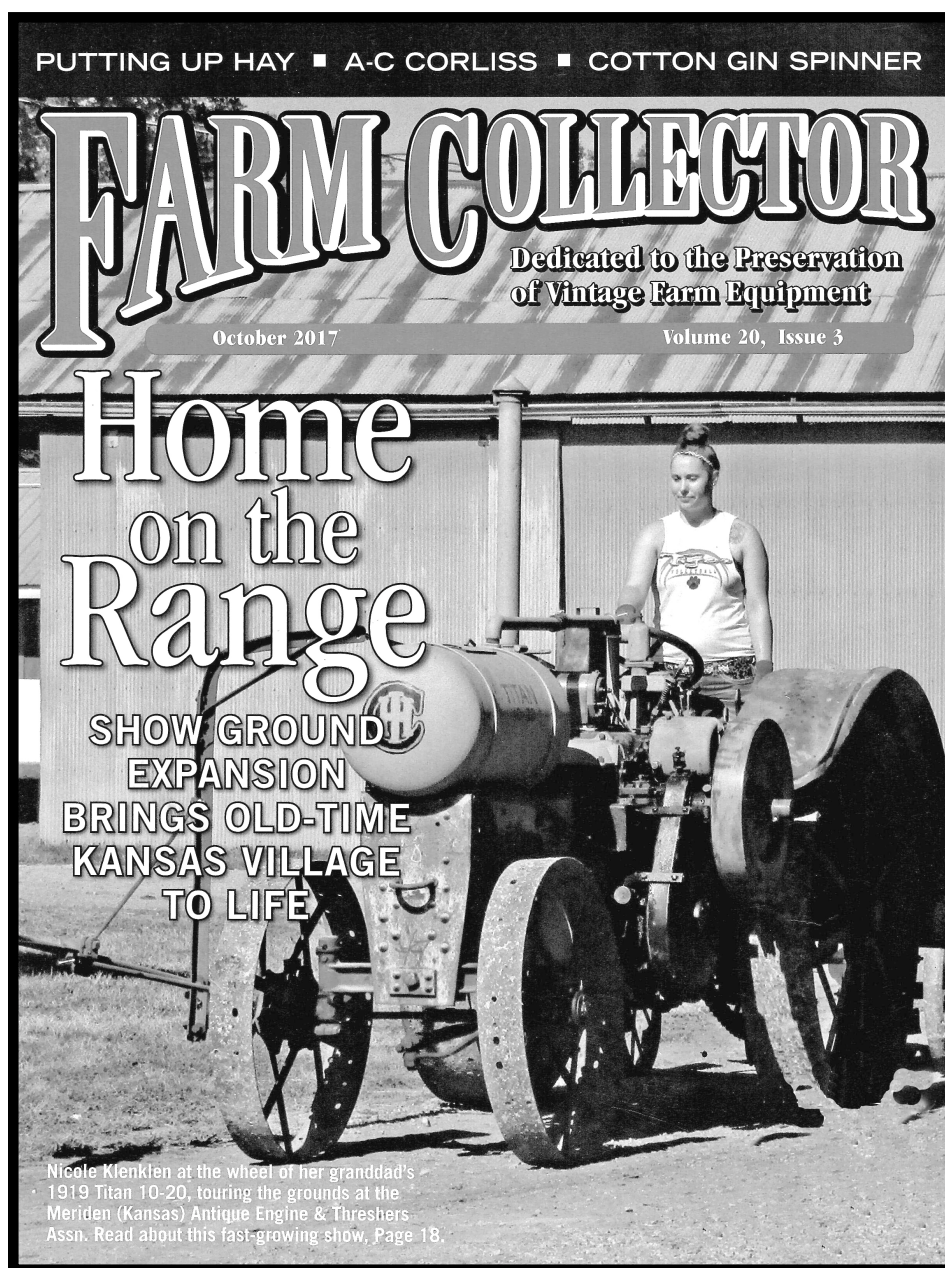
In 1997 the general store, print shop and post office were completed. Kristine Filmore was postmaster at the Meriden Post Office at that time. She asked me one day if we would like to have a special cancellation stamp available during the show at our post office in the General Store. She explained it was a stamp pertaining to our event and was only available for those days. We would have to make our own design for the stamp and she gave me the regulation dimensions. She also told me we had to have a name for our town. While visiting with **Clark Davis**, editor of the Valley Falls Vindicator, I told him about needing a name for the town to be an official postoffice. Clark said "why don't you call it **Cottonwood Station** as all the buildings had been built using cottonwood lumber."



The Stamp Featured Keith Jackson's Rock Island Tractor.

Mrs. Fillmore was stationed behind the bars of our official post office on Saturday during show hours. She reported over 80 stamps during the day and 130 mail in stamps at the Meriden Post Office.

We offered cancellation stamps ever year during the threshing shows until Mrs. Fillmore left the post office in Meriden.



Nicole Klenklen was honored to have the picture of her driving the IHC Model 10-20 Titan tractor on the front cover of the magazine. Nicole has been driving antique tractors for many years. She is usually seen driving the 15-30 Rumely Oil Pull but this year she has been driving the Titan.



Nicole can also be seen driving Derek Staples Massey Harris Model 44 competing in the Antique Tractor Pulls. Here she is with her 2nd place trophy.

Junior Butler Tells Story

In the early days of our Association most of the exhibitors were older collectors but each year Glenn (JR.) Butler would come to the shows with some of his young friends with a truck load of gas engines between them. You might see them sleeping in a tent or in there truck or even just on the ground. These boys liked the engines and always had/have fun at the shows.

I recall those days and ask Jr. if he would tell us how he got started collecting engines and where he is at today. Thank you to Junior and here is his story.

"It all started back in the late 1970s when I was about 10 years old when I first attended my first show which was Meriden with my parents. Went a couple more times in the early 1980s with the folks just as spectators.

I meet up with a guy named George Matthias back in 1986 in school. The two of us shared the class. Instead of reading the school books the two of us were reading and trading tractor and engine books. Then after I graduated I bought my first truck in 1987. George, John, and myself attended Meriden show sleeping in the back of our trucks. I took my International LB gasoline engine which is my favorite due to it being a family heirloom. My Grandpa bought it back in 1946 new to run a milking system to milk the cows. John and George had trailers full of different engines, plus George has the rope maker. Those two guys also had a corn sheller,

Dix Family Cemetery To Be Attached To Show Grounds

Land Around Dix Family Cemetery Has Been Donated To Our Association

In 1857 when territorial Kansas was opened for settlement, William Marion Dix brought his family, including 8 of his children from Indiana, to this new land and homesteaded near what is now Meriden. Prior to the founding of Meriden, the Dixes received their mail at Mt. Florence, now a ghost town located 1 mile southwest of Meriden.

William was married 5 times. Nancy Ginn Dix, Mary Farmer Dix, Elizabeth Heston Dix, Mary Youngman Dix and Elizabeth McKibben Dix. He had 9 children with Nancy Ginn, 1 child with Mary Farmer, 2 children with Elizabeth Heston.

William received a patent title from the U. S. Government for 160 acres and was described as the NW Quarter, Section 8, Town 10, Range 17 in Rock Creek township. At the same time George M. Dix, son of William and Nancy, was granted a patent title described as SE Quarter of Section 6 adjoining Williams 160 acres at the corners. For about ten years, the Dixes had to provide their own cemetery in the woods on their farm.

William G. Cutler's History of The State of Kansas

G. M. Dix, farmer and stock raiser, Section 6, P. O. Meriden, is a native of Kentucky, and was born March 8, 1834. When two years of age he removed with his parents to Henry County, Inc. where he was educated and reared until the spring of 1851, when he located in Pulaski County. In the spring of 1857 he came to Kansas in company with his father, brother and other relatives, taking up their abode in Rock Creek Township, Jefferson County, where he has resided ever since, being one among the pioneers of that part. During his long sojourn he had been closely identified, and few of the old settlers are more favorable known than George M. Dix. He served in company B, Fourth Regiment Kansas Militia, and took part in the battle of Westport, Mo. October 22 and 23, 1864. For upward of

ited with head sawyer Jim Noll. Jim told her how most all the buildings on the show grounds were built from lumber produced from the mill. There is a nice photo of Jim, Jim Moore, and Dave Schneider.

Dennis Knudsen of the Knudsen Baling Team explained to Leslie how he worked on a baler as a youngster and today his whole family has gathered around him to demonstrate how baling was done in the early days of farming.



Knudsen Family Baling Team

Directors Bob and Betty Stiles gave Leslie a tour of the Benedict Meyer log cabin and explained how it had been moved to the show grounds and placed on the Kansas register of historical places.

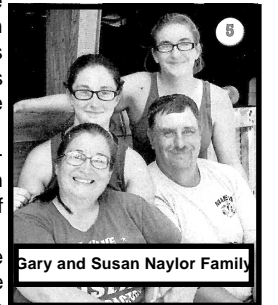
Gas Engine Director Gary Naylor explained how the gas engine area had grown in the last few years and over 80 engines were present for the show.

Paul Dunlap, director of the Livery Barn gave Leslie a tour of the displays.

Leslie visited the Bowen family Engine Pavilion, where she interviewed Derek Staple and Myself and took a nice photo of the 1899, 20 hp Reid oil field engine.

At the flour mill, Directors Bob Hjetland and Myself explained how the mill and machinery came to be.

September 5, 2017, Farm Collector updated it's profile picture on Facebook showing the front page of the magazine.



Gary and Susan Naylor Family



Under Construction

twelve years he has been Justice of the Peace, and for eighteen years has been on the school board. He was married in Indiana in 1858, to Miss Lucretia Higman. They have three children, Esther E., John P. and Nancy B.

The late Mrs. Barbara Newlin was the owner of the property which borders the cemetery. She was very willing to allow the Threshers Association to lease the ground and later she donated the ground around the cemetery so our Association would have access to the historic place.

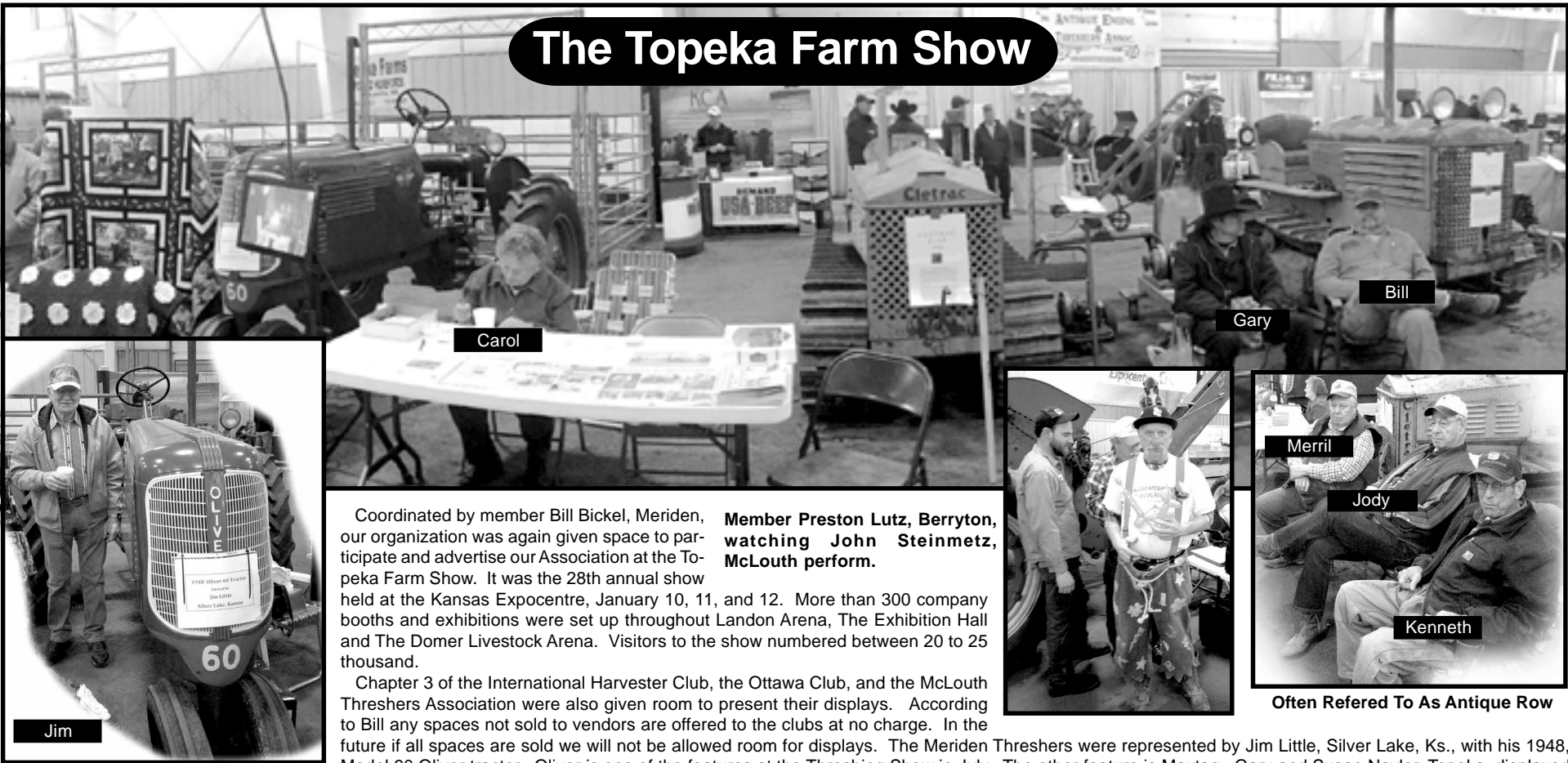
The Threshers Association and Mrs. Newlin agreed this cemetery is an important part of the area's early history and have made it open for the public to visit. The cemetery is located in the northwest corner of the show grounds and can be found by following a trail starting about 100 yards north of the restrooms. The trail is about 200 yds. long. There is a small stream to cross and a fairly steep hill to climb to reach the cemetery.

About 1 mile north on Butler Road was the Dix School house destroyed by fire many years ago. Also about 1/2 mile north on Butler Road on the east boundary of George Dix property was a steep hill known in the area as "Dix Hill", a steep hill for many years but was redesigned for easier travel.

A patent title is an official land patent usually granted by a central, federal, or state government to an individual or to a private company. In this case, in 1856, the once Indian land was sold by the U.S. Government for about \$1.25 per acre.

The land the show grounds is on today was purchased at the 1857 land sale in Ozawkie, Ks. by William M. Dix.

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The Topeka Farm Show

Coordinated by member Bill Bickel, Meriden, our organization was again given space to participate and advertise our Association at the Topeka Farm Show. It was the 28th annual show held at the Kansas Expocentre, January 10, 11, and 12. More than 300 company booths and exhibitions were set up throughout Landon Arena, The Exhibition Hall and The Domer Livestock Arena. Visitors to the show numbered between 20 to 25 thousand.

Chapter 3 of the International Harvester Club, the Ottawa Club, and the McLouth Threshers Association were also given room to present their displays. According to Bill any spaces not sold to vendors are offered to the clubs at no charge. In the future if all spaces are sold we will not be allowed room for displays.

The Meriden Threshers were represented by Jim Little, Silver Lake, Ks., with his 1948, Model 60 Oliver tractor. Oliver is one of the features at the Threshing Show in July. The other feature is Maytag. Gary and Susan Naylor, Topeka, displayed two of their Maytag engines, models 92 and 72. Member, Kenneth Elliot, Techumseh, displayed a very unique garden seed planter. Bill Bickel, Meriden, displayed two of his Cleatrac crawlers, a 1947 model BGSB and a 1936 model E-38. Carol Kirkwood, Meriden, was busy handing out show information, signing up new members and selling chances on the quilt built by member Roxie Barton, Valley Falls and a lap robe built by Kathy Petesch, Meriden. Other members working in the booth for the three day show were, Jody Kirkwood, Merrill Lovendahl, Meriden, Paul Dunlap, Effingham, Wayne Anderson, Tecumseh, Greg Coker and Yolanda Dickinson, Overbrook, Richard Runnebaum, Berryton, Pat Herring and Roxie Barton, Valley Falls, Kathy Petesch, Meriden, Dan Kennedy, St. Marys, Jerry McGrath, Topeka, John Steinmetz, McLouth, Gary Bowen, Kevin and Julie Kirkwood. Kevin had a continuous slide and video show at the booth, for viewing, during the 3 days. Not to forget member John Steinmetz, McLouth. John came in on Wednesday evening dressed as a clown and entertained the children of all ages making animals from balloons and displaying a hidden talent.

Member Preston Lutz, Berryton, watching John Steinmetz, McLouth perform.

REPORT FROM THE CHUCKWAGON

Jolene Bickel Director



The Chuck Wagon had another successful year pulling in a profit of just over \$10,000. This is the largest since I took over the Kitchen. This success is due to all the hard working volunteers who put in many hours of their time. Included in the volunteers are MAETA Members as well as students who earn Community Service Credit Hours. The Villages, Inc., out of Topeka helped this year as well as Perry Alpha Christian Home and some of the Jeff West students. I also have some very dedicated Sisters who put in many hours. (If you know of an organization that would like to get involved for community service credit contact the

MAETA Association.) Due to a business in Lawrence closing I was able to purchase a 2 door cooler in order to keep up with our growing demand to serve more food at the shows. The more faces that come through the gates, the more mouths to be fed. This is a good thing. The construction of the new Kitchen was started in Fall, 2013 and finished up in the Spring, 2014. The upgrade of the kitchen has truly paid off and has allowed us to better serve the guests at the shows. One menu item added to the Fall show this year was the Apple Cider Slushes which turned out to be very popular. The slushes were made from our fresh apple cider made at the show. They will be served again in 2018, both summer and fall shows. Hope to see you all there!

Jolene Bickell Heads Up Flea Market



Jolene set up at the kitchen.



Kathy Petesch In Front of The Simms Building.

From Our President Jess Noll



I would like to take just a minute and type a few things for the new year and the old for that matter. Been really busy the last few weeks as I'm sure everyone else has been. I want to say to EVERYONE and by everyone, I mean the loyal crowds, the followers on Facebook, the more than generous donators, and the people who support our "small" organization year in and year out, YOU ALL are AMAZING!!!! without

each and every one of you in each of your capacities, whatever they may be, WE would not be what we are today!!!! We truly are blessed with GREAT members and donors and support from Jefferson County and surrounding communities!!!! May this coming year bring on yet more improvements and great experiences at the shows as well as the continued fellowship had by all that participate!!!! Let's make 2018 a year to top others and one to remember!!!! May you all be blessed with a good year to come!!!!



At the February meeting Kitchen Director Jolene Bickell suggested having a two day flea market to coincide with the Ozawkie and Meriden annual garage sale weekends. The suggestion was approved and the first sales happened on the 5th and 6th of May during the Ozawkie days. Jolene reported 6 vendors at-

tended the market. She reported the vendors were satisfied with their sales and one vendor sold all his wares and left early. Several people were interested in bringing their items to the next sale and were asking if this flea market might happening more frequently.

Gas Engine Director, Gary Naylor, would like to thank everyone who came out to the show and either displayed or just came to look and visit. Hopefully this year we will have more exhibits and different examples of what is out there. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 |

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| Flour Mill | Bob Hjetland |
| " | Gary Bowen |
| 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 |
| Data Base | Gary Bowen |
| Parade | Merlyn Mahoney |
| Advertising | Carol Kirkwood |
| " | Heather Dunlap |
| Newsletter | Gary Bowen |
| Web Master | Kerrel Bauerly |
| Boiler Inspector | Brian Reilly |
| Cider | Emily Petesch |
| " | Rodney Stevens |
| Donations | Dennis Knudsen |
| " | Jim Noll |
| " | Gary Bowen |

RARE HAY BALER DONATED

Article By Vice President Greg Coker

In the summer of 2017, the New Holland SP-166 (SP stands for self-propelled) baler was received by MAETA as a donation from Rocky Broaduss and Bill Schoonover after they purchased the baler from another individual. According to research in various magazines and on web sites, these New Holland balers were built from January 1956 through December 1957. While we do have the serial number for MAETA's baler, we are still trying to locate a serial number list to determine in which year this particular baler was built.

The baler features two 15 horsepower Wisconsin 2-cylinder gas engines. One powers the baler and the other powers the drive train. The front end is a narrow tricycle type. The back drive wheels bear the majority of the baler's weight.

Only 305 of the balers were built. Research suggests the balers did not sell well and some of the last ones manufactured were converted to pull type balers. Pull type balers sold for less, which may have played a part in the self-propelled's not selling well. The number of self-propelled balers like this believed to be in existence today also differ - from as few as



three to 20 some. As far as restoration plans, the baler will need to be disassembled and gone through piece by piece to get it running again and prepped for painting. MAETA members will hold work days to complete this project. Once completed the

The original New Holland Machine Company was founded in 1895 in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It was acquired by Sperry Corporation in the 1970's then by Ford Motor Company in 1986, and then by Fiat, becoming a full line producer.

It was rumored a spirit from the Dix Cemetery was spotted moving around the show grounds on Saturday night of the Fall Festival.



Oliver Featured For 2017

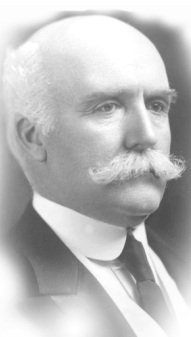
James Oliver, born August 28, 1823, was an American inventor and industrialist best known for his creation of the South Bend Iron Works, which was reincorporated as the Oliver Farm Equipment Company after his death. After buying a South Bend, Indiana foundry with partner Harvey Little in 1855 he began experimenting with improved farm plow designs. In June 1857, Oliver received his first patent covering the essential features of the chilled iron plow.

By 1868 the small Oliver factory was incorporated and renamed as the South Bend Iron works. The stockholders of this newly formed company included George Milburn of the Milburn Wagon company, Mishawaka, Indiana, his son in law Clement Studebaker of the Studebaker Manufacturing Company, and a few other important businessmen of South Bend.

James Oliver's first chilled plow.

Driven by the sales of his popular Oliver chilled Plow, for which he registered 45 patents during his lifetime, the company grew to become one of the largest in Indiana and one of the world's largest producers of farm plows during the late 19th Century.

In 1901 the South Bend Iron Works was incorporated and the name was changed to the Oliver Chilled Plow Works with all 5,000 company shares held by members of the Oliver family. By 1905, James Oliver had been in the plow business for 50 years. This was also the most productive and successful year for the Oliver Chilled Plow Works.



J. D. Oliver

On March 2, 1908, James Oliver died at the age of 85. His son, Joseph Doty Oliver, J.D., replaced him as President and J. D.'s son, James II, became Director. The Oliver Chilled Plow Works had been the sole producer of tractor plows for Henry Ford's tractor, the Fordson. However, Henry Ford was beginning to show more interest in his automobile business than tractor production. J. D. realized if Ford pulled out, they would lose a large portion of their business. The Oliver company started to experiment with the creation of a tractor of their own. The first tractor they produced was called the Oliver Chilled Plow Tractor. There were only about 20 manufactured and distributed throughout the United States, where it was well received.

J. D. was getting older, but he still had the incredible ability to peer into the future of agriculture and farming. He knew the Oliver Chilled Plow Works needed to offer a full range of farming equipment to remain a competitive company. In order for this to happen it would require a huge expansion and a lot of money and capital. The only option available to the Oliver company was to merge with other companies to make a full line company. The result was the merger of four companies. These four companies were: Hart-Parr Tractor Works, Nichols & Shepard Company, Oliver Chilled Plow Works, and The American Seeding Company.

J. D. was named as the Chairman of the Board and his son James II, became Vice-President to the new company, The Oliver Farm Equipment Company.

J. D. died in 1933 but his legacy continued. **Hart-Parr:** Charles Walter Hart and Charles H. Parr, met and were close friends at the University of Wisconsin. They organized the Hart-Parr Company in Madison, Wisconsin on April 29, 1897. There is not enough space in this paper to cover the history of that company.

In 1929 Hart-Parr and the Oliver Farm Equipment company brought about the Oliver Hart-Parr "Row Crop" tractor with a unit frame design and vertical engine.

American Seeding Company: The American Seeding Machine Company was organized in 1903 when several competing companies merged to form the seeding company: Hoosier Drill Company of Richmond, Id., P.P. Mast and Company, Springfield, Ohio, Superior Drill Company, Empire Drill Company, and Bickford & Huffman. There is much history of this company but lack of space won't allow it in this publication.

Nichols & Shepard Company: The Nichols and Shepard Company was started by John Nichols a blacksmith in Battle Creek, Michigan and David Shepard became his partner shortly after. The Company was known for their steam engines and later started experimenting with different ways of separating the grain from the plant and after different models, developed the Red River Special in 1900. The Oliver Company continued for many years in the manufacture of the successful thresher.

The Oliver Farm Equipment Company also merged with other farm equipment companies after the 1929 merger of the above mentioned companies: Ann Arbor Machine Company, Cleveland Tractor Company, Cockshutt Farm Equipment Company and the A. B. Farquhar Company. These companies all have history dating back into the middle and late 1800's.

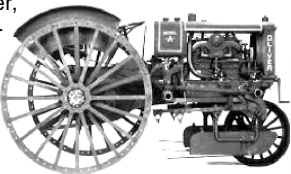
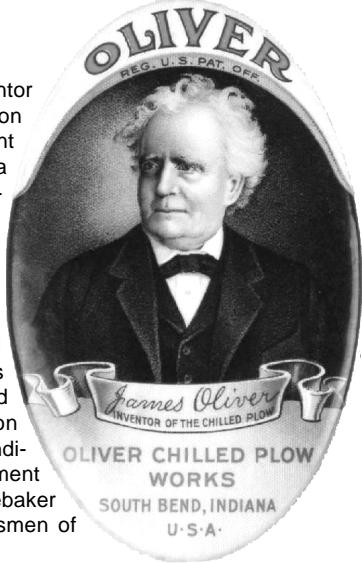
There was much more to the Oliver company than just production of farm implements. They built airplane fuselages for Boeing's RB-47E Reconnaissance planes. They built products for the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, 106mm recoilless rifle gun mounts for the Army, and other military machinery.

Oliver also built a line of Industrial equipment including road graders, forklifts, road rollers, crawlers, and power units. By 1947, the Oliver corporation employed 9,000 and business was continuing to grow. There were still members of James and J. D. Oliver's family on the board of the Oliver Corporation.

Oliver stock was being bought by people outside the company, which led to a corporate takeover. The majority of stockholders wanted to sell parts of the company off in order to make bigger profits and to line their pockets. So the majority of stockholders agreed to this and the most successful parts of the Oliver company was bought by White Motor Company, making it a wholly owned subsidiary. At this time, all of the remaining Oliver family left the board of the Oliver Corporation.

Production of the White line of tractors and implements continued for several years. Oliver, or White, then began to buy up other companies and close plants to cut overhead expenses and create more profits. This resulted in the closing of many of the oldest Oliver factories. Oliver tractors were manufactured until 1976 when the last Oliver 2255 rolled down the assembly line. The silver colored White tractors had replaced the Oliver tractor. Throughout the many mergers and corporation maneuvering, nothing remains of the original Oliver company, which began its legacy in South Bend, Indiana. As of 2002, there isn't even a White tractor company anymore. White Farm Equipment is owned by AGCO and the Oliver's legacy must be left to be preserved by the many men and women who restore and show Oliver tractors and equipment.

ONE FARMER ASK HIS NEIGHBOR "WHY DO YOU FARM WITH AN OLIVER RATHER THAN A JOHN DEERE"? HIS NEIGHBOR REPLIED "DID YOU EVER HEAR OF ANYONE STEALING AN OLIVER"?



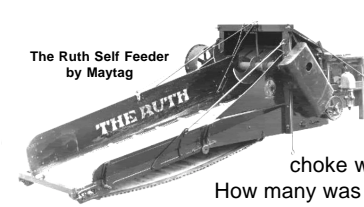
Maytag Featured For 2017

F. L. Maytag was born near Elgin, Illinois, the eldest son of Daniel W. and Amelia Toeneboehn Maytag, natives of Germany, who were married at Independence, Iowa, in 1856. The family moved to Marshall County, Iowa, in 1868, settling on a farm which remains under Maytag ownership.

F. L. started working on the family farm at an early age and had only minimal public education. About 1889 he left the farm and started working in a Newton implement business. One year later he was half-owner. He sold his interest in the endeavor and bought a lumberyard in Newton. In 1893 he became a partner in the Parsons Band Cutter & Self Feeder Company.

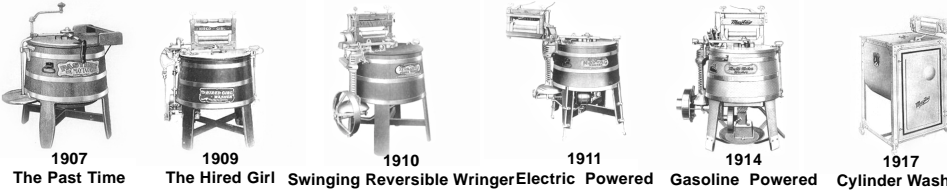
F. L. was a major investor and officer in the Maytag-Mason Automobile Company, the South Dakota Railway Co., the Iowa Mausoleum Company, and other ventures. He represented Jasper County in the Iowa Senate for 10 years, served on term as Newton's mayor, and was Iowa's first director of the budget.

The Ruth Self feeder was an adaption or modification available from Maytag to put on about any brand of threshing machine. Its purpose was to accurately regulate the speed of the feed belt which carried the wheat bundle into the thresher. It was constructed and installed in such a way if the thresher began to choke with too much material thus slowing the machine down or to a possible stall it would slow or halt the intake feed belt entirely till the choke was cleared and the machine picked speed back up.



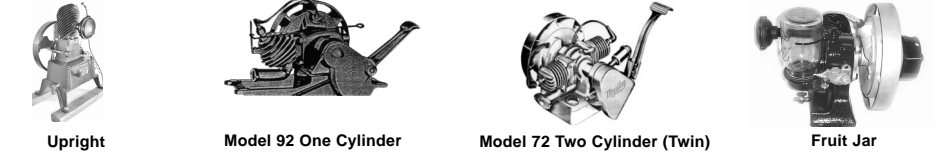
How many was built is not known but they built a bunch of them. They were very popular and governors have been found in every part of the country. They are not rare but they are scarce. The self feeders was also sold under the Case and Port Huron name. The Ruth was named for Ruth the gleaner from the Bible.

Although I found Maytag was building tractors around 1915 I could not find any more information or photos.



The first Maytag clothes washer was built in 1907 as a sideline to the farm equipment line. It was intended this product would solve seasonal slumps in the farm equipment business and fill the need for a home washing machine. About this time in the company's history J. L. Maytag became sole owner of the firm. Improvements on the first washer came steadily. Apulley mechanism was added so the machine could be operated by an outside power source, an in 1911 a model with an electric motor was unveiled. Three years later, Maytag developed its Multi-Motor gasoline engine washer becoming a boom to rural homemakers who did not have access to electric power.

On April 1, 2006, Whirlpool completed its acquisition of the Maytag Corporation. In May 2006, Whirlpool announced plans to close the former Maytag headquarters office in Newton, Iowa as well as laundry product manufacturing plants.



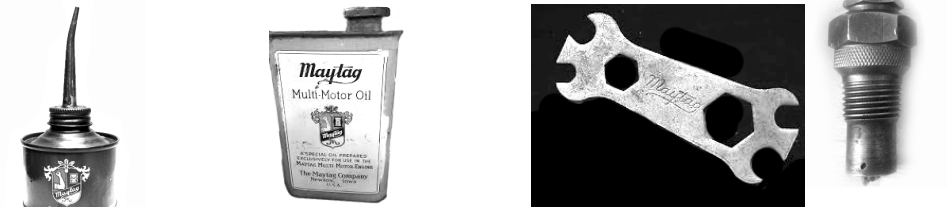
Maytags first gasoline engine was a 1/2 hp two cycle upright, with battery and coil ignition. These engines proved reliable and satisfactory for a period of about 12 years. They were discontinued in 1923. During the last four years the upright were produced, Maytag gave their customers an option of either battery or magneto ignition.

Maytag introduced the model 92 single cylinder horizontal kick start in August-September 1927 and was discontinued in 1937. It was rated 3/4 hp with a 2 cycle design. The engine was adaptable to each model of washing machine by changing the fuel tank.

The twin, or 72 as it was commonly referred to was used primarily as a source of power for the Maytag washing machines. The twin was also popular on numerous other types of machinery of the time period. These included generating battery chargers, corn shellers, water pumps, and a variety of lawn mowers.

The 1/2 HP Fruit Jar Maytag is, without a doubt, the most sought after, and the most colorful of all the Maytag engines. Production on this engine was started around March 1918 and ended about midyear 1919, thus making them produced less than two years. The reason they were called "Fruit Jar" was because a Mason fruit jar was used for the gas tank. Of course, this made them very dangerous. In those days, women washed in the kitchen in the winter time. With a roaring fire in the kitchen range, one can only wonder how many accidents occurred.

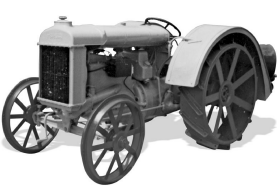
Maytag had spark plugs for their engine made by the Champion company. They also supplied their machines with custom wrenches and special oil for them.



The Maytag Toy Racer
One of the most highly prized Maytag collectibles is the Maytag Toy Racer. Collectors now know there were 498 toy racers which the Maytag Company made between 1934 and 1941 are the only toy racers associated with Maytag. Toy racers, however, appear to have been powered by with the Maytag Multi-Motor since the early days of Multi-Motor washer production. A 1929 biographical sketch of Fred Maytag, II, indicated as a teenager he had become the sensation of Newton with his homemade toy racer powered by an early Multi-Motor. The Maytag Racer lead to the invention of the Winston Racers. (Another Story)

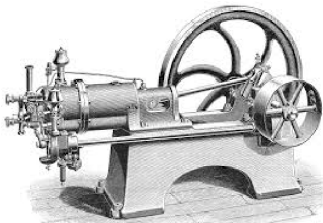
The Maytag Fruit Jar Engine is arguably the most collectible of all the Maytag engines.

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A big thank you goes to John and Janet Steinmetz, McLouth, for collecting donations from all the tractor pull sponsors which totaled a whopping

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More donations made to the association for the year 2017 are as follows.

Karl Behring, Meriden: A sign for the kitchen.
USD 340 School District, Meriden: Lettering for signs.
Gene Henien, Meriden: An 8' x 12' concrete tube for the crossing to the Dix Cemetery. 2 truck loads of large rock for Dix crossing and 1 load of wood chips for the nature trail to the cemetery.
Gary & June Bowen, Meriden, donated 12 ton of gravel to cover the Dix Cemetery.
Mrs. Joe Dix Stithem, Denison, donated a wrought iron fence to enclose the Dix Cemetery.
Rocky Broaduss and Bill Schoonover A New Holland SP-166 (SP stands for self-propelled) baler.

NEW CIDER BUILDING ADDED



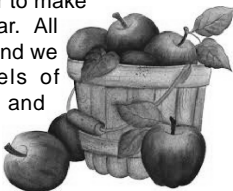
New Apple Cider Barn

Reported By Kathy Petesch



The fall show September 22, 23, & 24, brought a great year for the apple cider gang. Which consist of Emily Petesch Director and Rodney Stevens Director and Kathy Petesch as a helper whenever needed. We got a Apple cider barn put up over the summer and it was ready to use during the fall show. Which was really nice. It houses our press, refrigerators and jugs for the show. We have a roof over it with ceiling fan, lights and concrete floor which was really

nice. Thanks to the members of the association for building it for us. On Friday we had around 114 Kids and some of the parents came through, they love tasting the cider and getting to crank the press. Our press on Saturday broke and we had to repair the wheel and the D. J. McGrath took it home for the winter to make us a new one for nest year. All in all it was a great year and we used around 70 bushels of apples. Had lots of fun and made lots of cider.



NEW ENGINE PAVILION

In May, 2017, a new building for housing our oil field engines was built. The Gary Bowen family hired contractor David Yoder, Oskaloosa, to erect a 30' x 40' building to house a permanent display of oil field engines belonging to Derek Staple and Gary Bowen. We have 4 early oil field engines dating from 1899 to the early 1920's These engines range from 20 to 25 hp. These are large engines, some weighing close to 8000 lbs.

The next generation of oil field engines were

the Fairbanks Morse, model ZC engines. The Model 52 went into production in 1928, followed by the 118 and 208. In 1944 the 346, 503 and 739 were introduced. A few of these Fairbanks engines are still being used on oil wells today. These engines range from 3 to 36 horsepower. We have collected all six engine sizes and will have them on display in 2018.

JR. Tells Story (con't)

and a feed grinder that they hooked up to LB's. Over the last 30 years I now owned 6 Maytags, an LB, a Clinton, and my new project which is a John Deere E.

I met my wife Sherry back in 1999, dated two years, then I proposed to her in 2000 in the middle of a cornfield. She wasn't for sure about this hobby of mine until she attended a couple years of shows. Then in 2004 the both of us thought about a toy tractor business. So we tried it for the first time down at the Meriden show with a 6-foot table we just rebuilt. Next year we had gotten involved with Speccast toys. As years have gone by we just add a little bit more toys.

Between 1980's and 1990's we kinda grouped up as the "old gang" as they call us now. This gang includes John and George Matthias, Rodney and Mike Stevens, Steven Scott, Mike wheeler, and myself Jr. About mid-90s we added three new members which were Gary and Susan Naylor, and Steven Butler. Due to work schedule George had to quit coming, but in the last two years he has been able to return back to the shows. Most of the "old gang" plus three wives are now new members of The Association."

Database

Director: Gary Bowen

Our total membership for 2017 was 88. We had 6 new members. There were 30 directors for the year. 12 camper spots reported. There were 2 garden tractor exhibitors reported. There were 12 gas engine exhibitors reported. There were 211 handbills sent out. There were 243 newsletters mailed. There were 38 tractor exhibitors reported. There were 4 vendors reported.

Big Money In Old Iron

One of the rarest and most collectible tractors ever manufactured sold in September 2007 for a heart stopping \$400,000. One of only five known to be in existence. At the time the 1913 Case represented the highest price ever paid for an antique tractor.

In 2012, a 1912 International Harvester Mogul Jr. 15-25 sold for \$462,000.

Don't forget the old engines. In 2013 a Golden Gate engine sold for \$200,000 plus 10% buyers fee and 9% sales tax.

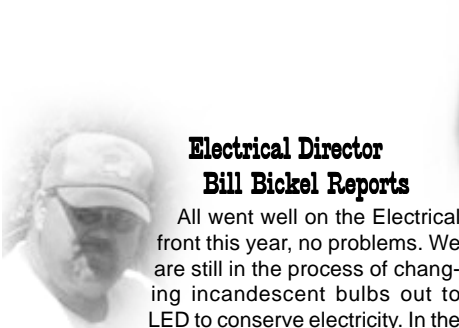
In 2012 a 2 hp Crossley Otto slide valve piano base engine sold for \$320,000.



NEW LOADING DOCK

by Dan Kennedy

A new loading and unloading dock has been built north of the Bloomfield Church. David Dorbaratz from Council Grove, displayed his D2, moving dirt, to develop the dock. Phil and Jody Servaes from Atchison assisted with there D7, 17A series, with a #70 scraper. The new dock will allow more room for the larger vehicles to maneuver. The large concrete blocks forming the docks were donated by The Forterra Pipe & Precast Co., Oskaloosa, Ks.



Electrical Director Bill Bickel Reports

All went well on the Electrical front this year, no problems. We are still in the process of changing incandescent bulbs out to LED to conserve electricity. In the event of additional camping hookups, the future will require some electrical changes. It has been proposed by Chapter 3 they build a new building at our grounds. If this happens we will have to provide a new power source for that, which will alleviate some of our past problems. A new fence of hedge posts was built by members/volunteers to replace an existing one that had deteriorated and was on the right of way. The new fence should be finished early Spring, 2018. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Farm Show.



Entertainment Director Kathy Petesch

reports the 2017 July show brought lots of great people out to listen to one of the best bands around. We had Silver Road play both Friday and Saturday nights. I had a great turn out for both nights. We tried something new this year and had Paul Root solo play on Thursday night but it was not a success as it rained the whole night. For next year 2018 Friday night will be 4 Closure band from Lawrence. They are an excellent band and played for our Fall Show in Sept. 2017. Then at the summer show Saturday night 2018 will be Whiskey Rich Band they are a country band. Then for the Sept. Fall show of 2018 we will be listening to Legacy. They have gotten a new player with them and now play country and western music. So excited to hear them play next year. In all we had a great year and everyone enjoyed dancing in the barn to some great bands.





Photos By
Kevin
Kirkwood



Obituaries



The Cottonwood Station Flour Mill has new siding and paint.

Directors: Bob Hjetland and Gary Bowen
We are very proud of the new look for the mill. Under the front porch the original cottonwood siding was maintained while the rest of the building was sided using a metal siding. It was placed over the old wood siding so the inside of the mill still looks the same. All of the area on the porch was painted to give everything a new look.



To go along with the new look we operated the new test mill which ran two days before and through the threshing show and the Fall Festival.

Thank you to Cargil Grains for donating 100 lbs. of soft winter wheat which enabled us to offer, for the first time, cake flour. We got our hard winter wheat straight from the threshing machine from which we milled bread flour, whole wheat flour and cracked wheat cereal. Buy mixing together the bread flour and cake flour we were able to offer an all purpose flour. Our buckwheat flour, milled from buckwheat, is not a cereal grain but a fruit seed related to rhubarb and sorrel. Between the Threshing Show and Fall Festival we sold over 100 lbs. of flour. The whole wheat and buckwheat flours were milled on a stone mill while all others were milled with roller mills.



Treasures Report by Kerril Bauerly

We had a really great 2017 Summer Threshing Show. There were 862 paid admissions and 118 veterans who got in free. We had 311 Garden Tractor Pull hooks over the 3 days and 134 hooks for the Antique Tractor Pull on Saturday Night. There were about 90 tractor exhibits. John and Janet brought in \$4510 in Tractor Pull Sponsorships. Tractor Pull Sponsors who donate \$100 or more receive buttons for the summer show and get a sign for their business that is placed on the track for both shows. To become a tractor pull sponsor, please contact John Steinmetz at [785-217-6718](tel:785-217-6718) or [913-796-6552](tel:913-796-6552).

The 2017 Fall Festival saw 560 paid admissions. We had 281 Garden Tractor Pull hooks over both days.

Due to the loss of several members this year, we brought in almost \$2000 in memorials. As always, contributions made out to MAETA can be sent to Kerril Bauerly, 25655 Parallel Road, Tonganoxie, KS 66086. If you would like to designate the money for something in particular, please note that on the check. Contributions made to us are tax deductible.

Web Page Report By Kerril Bauerly

We are planning to overhaul the web page at meridenthreshers.org over the winter and spring. Expect a fresh new look in the new year! As of December 1, our Facebook page had 1130 Likes. One of our members brought his drone out to the field while we were binding wheat in June. We posted the video on our Facebook page and it was viewed around the world over 18,000 times!!! If you haven't seen it yet, go to our page at Facebook/meridenthreshers and click on Videos. It is labeled 2017 Wheat binding. In addition to the drone video, there is quite a collection of machinery and demonstration videos. Feel free to view them all!

Valley Falls Vindicator Dec. 21, 2017

"Out Of The Past" 35 years ago...

The Clark Jackson memorial Blacksmith shop has been completed on the threshing bee grounds at Meriden.

More than 30 members spent four weekends milling the lumber and building the shop, which is supposed to duplicate a similar building at the turn of the century.



Dennis M. Stevens

November 30, 1937 - April 28, 2017

Dennis M. Stevens, 79, of McLouth, Ks., died at the Stormont Vail Hospital Topeka. He was born November 30, 1937, the son of Roy Lee and Iva Lee Tarr Stevens. He was a 1956 graduate of McLouth High School. He married Ethel Mae Hay on March 11, 1960 in Lawrence. Dennis worked 20 years for the Lawrence Paper Company, and 25+ years for Packer Plastics as maintenance and repair man. He also enjoyed working at the Topeka Raceway as a "Jack of all Trades". He was active in the Meriden Threshing Bee and a volunteer for the Sarcoxie Township fire department. He enjoyed building, working on, and operating lawn tractors and participated in several area lawn tractor pulls. Survivors are 1 son, Rodney Stevens, McLouth, and two daughters, Denise Stevens, Lecompton, Ks., and Penny Illig, Perry, Ks., one brother, Roy Stevens, Oskaloosa, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2014, one son Michael Stevens in 2007, one brother George, and a sister in infancy. Funeral Services will be 11 am Wednesday May 3, at the Barnett Family Funeral Home in Oskaloosa. Burial will follow at the Buster Cemetery in rural Perry. Visitation is Tuesday evening 6-8 PM at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Meriden Threshing Bee and sent in care of the Barnett Family Funeral Home, PO Box 602 Oskaloosa, Ks. 66066. Online condolences may be made at www.barnettfamilyfh.com.



Gary Lee Rodecap

March 3, 1959 - November 8, 2017

Gary Lee Rodecap Gary Lee Rodecap, 58, passed away in the early evening of November 8th, 2017 at Stormont-Vail Hospital. He was born on March 3rd, 1959 to George and Mary (Wells) Rodecap of Meriden. He grew up in Meriden, KS and graduated from Jefferson West High School in 1977. He enjoyed farming and hunting all his life and he worked for the Shawnee County Dept of Roads for over 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Annette, daughter Morgan, and stepson Brandon (Selena) McNaul. He also leaves behind: his sister Nancy (Craig) Brown of Meriden, Steve (Lori) Rodecap of Meriden, Greg (Daytha) Rodecap of Oklahoma, many nieces and nephews, granddaughter, Harper McNaul of Topeka, and plenty of extended family members. He (and his jokes and stories) will be missed without a doubt.

The family welcomes anyone to visit on Monday, Nov 13 from 5 - 8 pm at the Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel. Services will be held on Tuesday, Nov 14 at 10:30 am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gary Lee Rodecap Memorial Fund in care of Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel 1321 SW 10th Ave. Topeka, KS 66604. Send the family your condolences and memories at www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.



Keith Jackson

October 17, 1936 - November 24, 2017

Keith J. Jackson, 81, Valley Falls, died Friday, November 24, 2017, at Midland Care at Linnwood Park Home Plus at Valley Falls.

He was born October 17, 1936, at Spearville, Ks., the son of Kenneth and Ramona Boehme Stinson. Keith spent his early years in the Offerle, Ks. area.

After the passing of his father, he moved to Valley Falls where he grew up on the family farm west of town with his mother, Ramona, Step-father, Edgar Jackson, brother, Larry, and sister, Judy.

He graduated from Valley Falls High School in 1954, and then attended Kansas State University. He married Patricia R. Frakes June 8, 1957, at Valley Falls. He served in the US Army from 1959-61, and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

While at Fort Leonard Wood, their first child, Clark, was born. After moving back to Valley

Falls, Keith and Pat raised their five kids; Clark, DeAun, Kent, Kirk and Susan. They farmed and raised cattle south of Valley Falls. Keith was also a Rural Mail Carrier in Valley Falls.

He was preceded in death by a son, Clark, his mother, Ramona, father, Kenneth, step-father, Edgar, and brother, Larry.

Keith will forever be remembered by his wife, Pat, their children DeAun and her husband, Mike Michael, Kent, Kirk, and Susan and her husband, Ken Kidd, and Keith's sister, Judy. Keith was loved and adored by his six grandchildren, Brent, Derek, and Alexis Michael, and Danna, Bailey and Amelia Kidd, and one great granddaughter, Aria. He was always his grandchildren's biggest fan. No matter what the sport or event they were participating in, he was there to cheer them on.

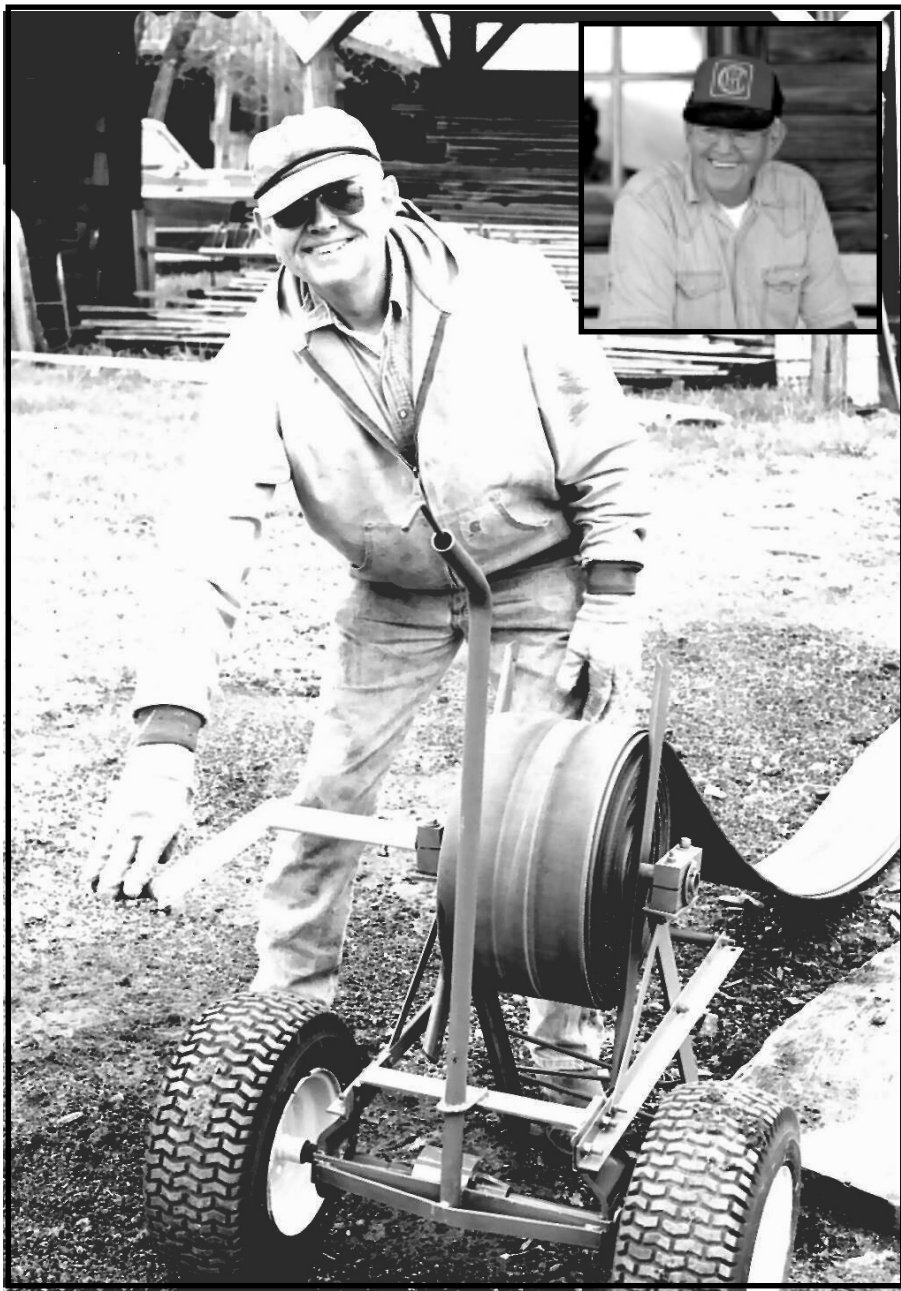
He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends who will lovingly remember him for his willingness to help and support them throughout the years.

Keith loved sports, especially his K-State Wildcats and Wichita State Shockers. In addition to enjoying sports, he was involved with many community activities throughout his life, including the Meriden Antique Engine & Threshers Association, Valley Falls United Methodist Church, USD 338 School Board, Shriners and Masonic Lodge.

He always wanted to lend a helping hand where help was needed. He enjoyed volunteering for many community organizations in a around Valley Falls, including the Historical Society, the Valley Falls Children's Christmas ad others. He will be missed by many friends.

The Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Valley Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, at Mercer Funeral Home in Valley Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association or to the Valley Falls Children's Christmas Fund and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Valley Falls, Ks. 66088.



Keith and His Belt Caddy

"I was tired of rolling and unrolling this belt."

Keith began attending the shows about 1980. Keith had several antique tractors enjoyed bringing them to the shows. After becoming a member it wasn't long before he was attending work days regularly. He helped to build most every building on the show grounds. To build a small town it took a lot of hours. Work days back then were every weekend and sometimes after work. After retiring workdays were 6 and 7 days a week. To build all the buildings through the years sawing lumber was the biggest chore. We would saw for two or three days and spend one day nailing up the new lumber. Preparing to saw was quite strenuous as the heavy blade had to be brought from storage and place on the mandrel. Also the long heavy drive belt had to be taken from storage and unrolled out to the power source. When building the flour mill we were

working everyday. Keith decided there should be an easier way to handle the big belt. One day we came to work and Keith had built a belt caddy. He said "I was tired of rolling and unrolling this belt."

Keith was work oriented and through the years helped to make the show grounds what they are today.

We were sitting on the porch of the flour mill taking a break one day when a funeral procession was traveling by on Highway 4. Keith said "When I die I want my funeral to be held either at 6:00 in the morning or 7:00 at night so no one has to miss any work."

Keith was a joy to be around and work with, and a better friend was not to be found.

Gary Hazelton

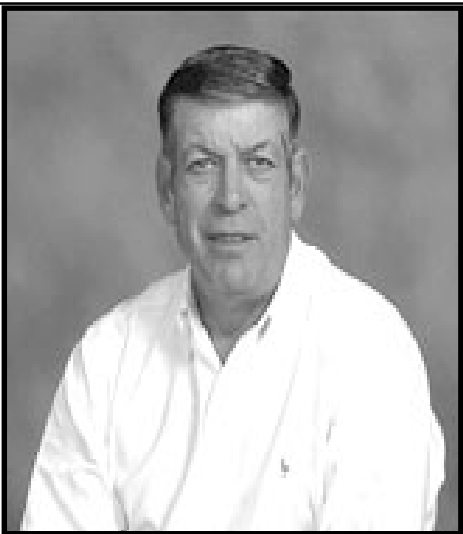
March 23, 1939 - November 13, 2017

Gary Wayne Hazelton, 78, Meriden, died Monday, November 13, 2017 at his home. He was born March 23, 1939 in Beverly, Ks. the son of Walter James and Grace Lourena Rathbun Hazelton. He was a 1957 graduate of Beverly High School. He served in the U. S. Army from 1962 to 1964. Gary retired in 1995 after 15 years of owning and operating his own mechanical repair shop in Meriden. He was also a farmer and stockman in the Meriden area for many years. Gary loved his team of mules, participating in various parades and trail rides, including traversing the Oregon Trail. He was a member of the Meriden United Methodist Church and the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association. He was married to Joyce Eileen Johnson on December 21, 1958 in Axtell. She survives at home. He is also survived by one son, David (Nicole) Hazelton, Meriden, on daughter, Janet (Dan) Menary, Plymouth, MN., one sister, Gaye Woods, Ellsworth, and Seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM, Friday, November 17, 2017 at Meriden United Methodist Church. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Thursday at the Church. Inurnment will be at a later date at Bloomfield Cemetery. Memorials suggested to Jefferson County Friends of Hos-

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pice, or Meriden United Methodist Church or to MAETA in car of Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, Ks., 66066. http://www.barnetfamilyfn.com

Long time member Gary Hazelton became a member in 1977 and was active until his health took him from us. Gary was a mechanic by trade and liked the old tractors and machines. He attended work days regularly. He built the wood stove for the Simms Building. Gary was also a lover of horses and mules. He especially liked his mules, even though they were always kicking him around. His first mule being named "Sue". When we started Horsepower Days in 1989 Gary was there with his mules and buggy, he built, to help get the show started. On the fifth annual Horsepower Days hand bill was a picture of Gary and his mules pulling his bobsled in the snow at the show grounds. Merlyn Mahoney and John Dunn were his passengers. During the 6 years of Horsepower Days Gary was show director for 3 years. Gary also liked to hunt big game and over the years members, Merlyn Mahoney, John Dunn, Everett Bowen, Bob Hjetland and Myself spent many weeks together on hunting trips. He was a kind, fun loving and a great friend to be around.



Kenneth Wayne (Jake) Elliott

Kenneth Wayne (Jake) Elliot, 70, Tecumseh, passed away October 20, 2017.

Kenneth was born January 8, 1947, in Hutchinson, the son of Henry and Vera Slifer Elliott. He graduated from Nickerson High School in 1965. On July 25, 1965, Kenneth married Nancy Horner in South Hutchinson United Methodist Church. They celebrated 52 wonderful years together.

Kenneth, or Jake as all his friends called him, worked for the 190th Air Refueling Wing at Forbes Field, with a tour in Desert Shield and active duty trips all over the world. He retired from the Kansas Air National Guard on December 31, 1991, with 41 years of combined service and the rank of Master Sergeant. After retirement, he worked as a contract employee for Raytheon Aerospace field Team until 1996.

Kenneth was a member of the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association, The International Tractor Association # 3 Powers of the Past, Museum of the Kansas National Guard and Combat air Museum and was a Friend of bill.

Kenneth enjoyed farming and had a huge love and compassion for animals, especially his dog, Jesse. His real love was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Nancy: children, Jeff Elliott and Jennifer Bowman (Brandon); grandchildren, Bret and Elliott Bowman, Lyndi Dixon (Tim) and Caitlyn Elliott; great grandchildren, Kolbee Dixon and Connor Elliott; and sisters, Joyce Dyson (Ron) and Rita Wildin (Jerry). He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Sidney.

Celebration of Kenneth's life will be 12:30 p.m. Friday, November 3, 2017, at the 1895 Bloomfield Church at the Cottonwood Station, K4 Highway, Meriden, Ks. 66512. Burial to follow in Emmanuel Cemetery in Tecumseh, Kansas.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association, Kansas Air National Guard Museum, or Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka Ks. 66614.

November 3 was a cloudy cool day with a little wind as the cars began to roll in to the show grounds to attend the service for Kenneth (Jake).

When the service began the church was at full capacity with many left standing to lay our good friend to rest. Out side the church were 15 antique tractors as a grand send off and salute to our good and faithful member.



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 2018.

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2018 Show Dates

Threshing Show - July 20,21,22

Fall Festival - Sept. 22,23

Total Membership For 2017

88

2017 Officers

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Secretary: Emily Petesch

Treasure: Kerril Bauerly

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Membership Application

Become a new member or renew your membership for 2018, by filling in the information below and mailing it along with \$20.00 to: MAETA, P.O. Box 254, Nortonville, Ks. 66066.

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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 _____



Gary and his team of Mules

Grader Gets New Home

By Dan Kennedy

I'm a member of the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC) as well as MAETA. I retired from Caterpillar INC after 25 years and a member of ACMOC since it started in 1992.

About a year ago I was at an ACMOC meeting when there was some conversation about a 1954 Caterpillar #12 Motor Grader the club owned. Because of limited storage space it was decided it needed a new home as it was not being used and was not stored in a safe area.

The decision was not to sell it, but to donate it to a non profit club that could use it and care for it. The grader hadn't run in 2-3 years but members said they would help the new owners get it running.

I told the group I belonged to the Meriden Association and would see if they might be interested in the grader.

I was told MAETA would have 1st chance.

Members Paul Dunlap, Pat Herring and I informally became the CAT Grader team and received support from several members including Bill Bickel and Jerry McGrath.

I went back to ACMOC and the board of directors agreed to make the donation to MAETA.

Pat Herring offered to talk to Wayne Herring who does heavy hauling as the Motor Grader weighs over 22,000 pounds and is 28 feet long. Wayne Herring agreed to haul the grader to Meriden from Greenwood, MO.

Wayne moved the machine for us in late October and did so as a courtesy to our club at no charge.

I have personally sent thank you notes to both Pat and Wayne and I know a thank you letter is being circulated at the ACMOC.



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4351 81 Street

Meriden, Kansas 66512

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.