

DANEVILLE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



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Calendar

Museum (101 State St.) open Sundays and federal holidays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

On call number 563-2732.

Meeting

The DHA Board meeting was at noon, December 7, Kountry Kookin' Cafe. Board members present were Toots Peterson and Lester Lauritzen. Others present were Palmer and Marjorie Peterson.

Reported that the Christmas tree and decorations given to DHA as year ago by Carol (Danielsen) Leitheiser had been erected and its decorations applied. Fuel for the furnace had been ordered and delivered. Plans were made being

open Sat., December 10, prior to the Taste of Denmark activities starting at 6:30 p.m. Additional items to go in the school when it gets moved into town were mentioned.

Mange Tak

For memorial in honor of Martha Nielsen from Yvonne Andersen.

Note

Due to forecast of wind, causing snow drifting, possible information from museum activities Dec. 10 and 11 will be postponed until later.

Continuing information from this writer's mother's notebook, a promotional item of International Harvester Co. Several pages describe products. Many of the

writer's contemporaries used and remember ream separators. Here IHC promotes a similar machine, which they call a "cream harvester." The illustration is not detailed, but it looks similar to separator, but its crank, gears and separation equipment is apparently about shoulder height, which IHC said was "the right height."

IHC wagons, typical for the time (through WWII) are about 36" wide and 10 ft. long. Some have wooden wheels, and some steel. They listed gasoline engine, two to 24 horse-power, and "traction" engines, 12, 15 and 20 horse-power. They also listed spraying, sawing, and pumping outfits and jacks. Grain binders, 5 to 8 ft. cuts, 1-row corn binder. All were horse powered, of course. They sold IHC auto buggies, two seaters, with and without top. They were advertised "for all kinds of roads, hilly, level, muddy or rough. It has a powerful mechanism." They also sold an "Int. Auto Wagon," apparently a predecessor of pickups and de-

livery vans. Knife grinders, feed grinders, balers, haystackers, and, of course, twine for the binders. (LRL: I assume the baler used "baling wire" which I remember seeing used in baling. I saw stationary balers using wire. Does any one know if mobile balers tied with wires, with the two men feeding and tying the wire riding on seats?) IHC also sold tillage equipment, shellers, hay loaders and rakes, manure spreaders, farm trucks, threshers. They described their tillage equipment as "crop insurance"!

In the back of the notebook were several pages of money receipt blanks, including a stub for the receipt-giver's record, and a couple "promise to pay" blanks, also with a stub. One receipt stub, dated March 11, 1913, apparently shows the writer's mother received \$300 from her

sister Bertha. (Oh, to have been "a mouse in a corner" then, to know what for!) Another receipt is signed "Mae Lamada," dated 10/25/2005, \$5.00 for a music lesson for the writer's mother.

And, this recipe, dated 1911, is included in the notebook.

How to Cure Ham

For two hogs, take 20 cents saltpetre*, 25 cents brown sugar, and plenty salt. Rub well and lay in jar about 2 weeks. Pour over a weak brine, not quite strong enough to bear an egg. Leave in (brine) till salty enough to suit the taster. Take out to dry a few days and smoke five. 1911

LRL note: The recipe suggest that the ham will at least be tasted, if not eaten, without being "cooked" in any way. This being pork, it probably should be baked, according to a chart, for its size.