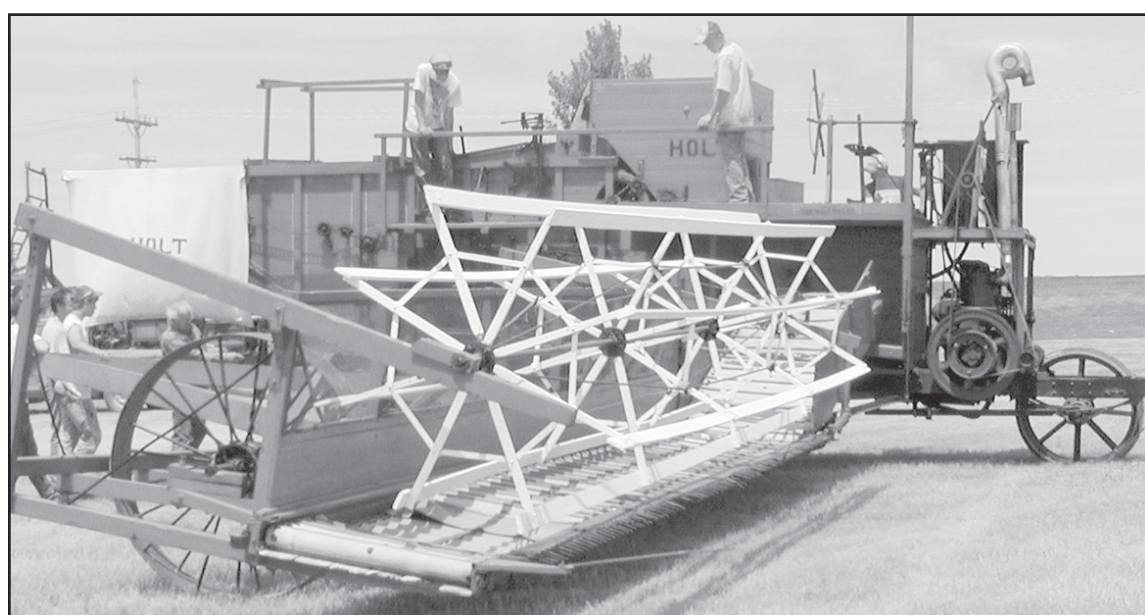


Quilts attract interest at Bird City thresher show



FROM BY-GONE DAYS, this old Holt combine is one of many pieces of equipment that can only be seen at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show this week.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

Thresher show kicks off

The 57th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show starts today (Thursday). The blast of the steam engine whistle starts the show each morning and from there on, throughout the three days, there will be people working and many visitors enjoying the show. Often, there are people from all over the United States showing up

to see the equipment in action. The identity of Thresher Queen will be announced. See related article elsewhere in this issue that gives clues. The Thresher show is an event that takes weeks of preparations, inspections and repairs. Every antique tractor and equipment will be checked, cleaned and made

ready for the daily parades.

New this year is a 1952 Massey-Harris self-propelled clipper combine. It is powered by a four-cylinder engine, and takes a 7-foot swath. The grain tank holds 25 bushels and can be unloaded through a 4-inch auger. Larry Fikan of Atwood is the current owner of this piece of machinery. He purchased it from retired Judge Dorothy Reinart and plans on having it running for the show.

Though not brand new, another implement that will be featured in this year's show is a 1945 Case DC row crop tractor, which also belongs to Larry Fikan. It is in excellent running condition and will be a part of the 15 tractors he will have on display at this year's annual thresher show.

There is also a restored water wagon which was used by the Dorsch Brothers threshing outfit. See the complete article in this year's Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show special section.

There are special activities and entertainment throughout the show. Wednesday evening, there is a community potluck meal starting at 6 p.m. in the dining hall. Friday, the Erickson Family Band will be entertaining at the Legion Hall. Saturday, the McDonald Lions Club barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. The antique tractor pull will start at 6:30 p.m.

All three days, there will be a swap meet from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



THE 125TH Anniversary Celebration quilt will be on display at the quilt building at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.



DONATED BY Darlene Brubaker, this represents the latest quilt added to the collection.

Photos courtesy of Stan and Dee Dorsch

announced during the show.

Quilts have interesting stories but, often, the stories are lost or forgotten. Mrs. Dorsch said Maynard Wright thought there should be a quilt display. One year, they displayed the quilts on the pews of the church on the show grounds. Before that, they had displayed them at the Legion hall. There were several years that they didn't

Identity still mystery for this year's queen

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show is here and the Thresher Queen will be announced today (Thursday), at 1:15 p.m. in front of the grandstand. For those who might have received their newspaper a day earlier, maybe these last clues will help identify the 2010 queen.

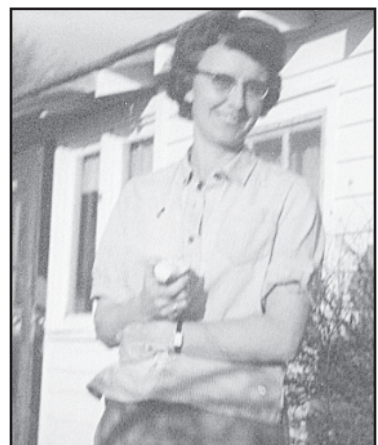
The new queen said she loves the purr of a certain blue Kenworth that's been seen at the shows for several years with a steam engine in tow.

Some of you, she said, have purchased Watkins products from her at former Thresher Shows.

And, finally, she said she would rather work a whole day in the field than wash one sink full of dirty dishes!

Who is she?

There are some who have already guessed her identity but to be certain, stop by the show-grounds at 1:15 today. There will be a short story about the queen

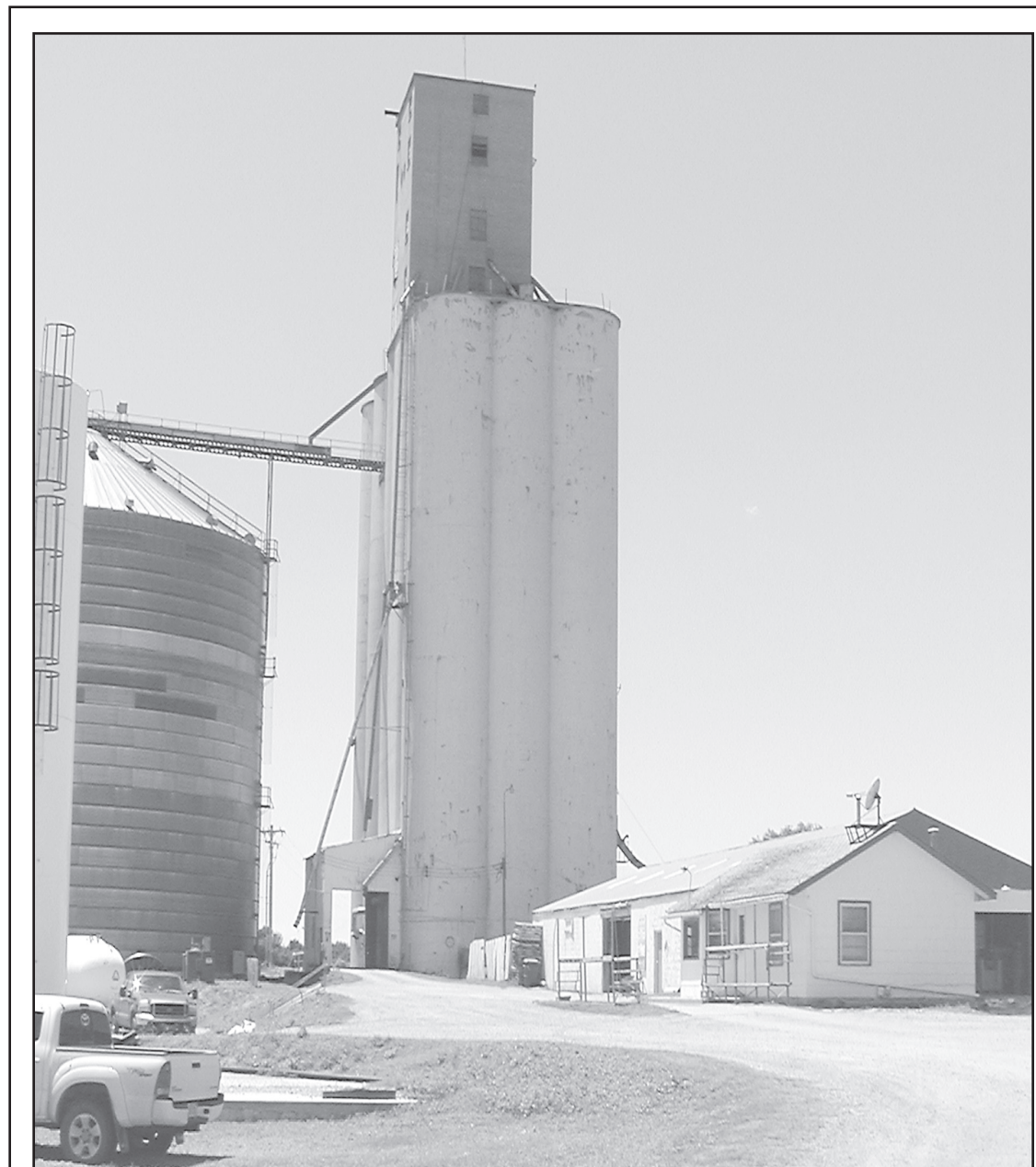


2010 Thresher Queen

and her life and then she will join the parade around the grounds.

Mary Dorsch, the 2009 Thresher Queen, will step down and will present her doll to join the other Thresher Queen dolls displayed in the Eggers Building.

The Thresher Princess, Mikaela Grace, will also be throwing in the first bundle of wheat.



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