

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 En- to see the equipment in action. gine and Thresher Show starts toshow each morning and from there gives clues on, throughout the three days,

The identity of Thresher Queen day (Thursday). The blast of the will be announced. See related arsteam engine whistle starts the ticle elsewhere in this issue that

The Thresher show is an event there will be people working and that takes weeks of preparations, many visitors enjoying the show. inspections and repairs. Every an-Often, there are people from all tique tractor and equipment will over the United States showing up be checked, cleaned and made

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.

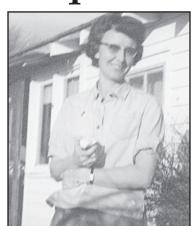
The new queen said she loves the purr of a certain blue Kenworth that's been seen at the shows for several years with a steam engine

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

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 the Eggers Building. to be certain, stop by the showbe a short story about the queen first bundle of wheat.



2010 Thresher Queen

And, finally, she said she would and her life and then she will join the parade around the grounds. Mary Dorsch, the 2009 Thresh-

er Queen, will step down and will present her doll to join the other Thresher Queen dolls displayed in

The Thresher Princess. Mikaela grounds at 1:15 today. There will Grace, will also be throwing in the

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 sec-

There are special activities and entertainment throughout the show. Wednesday evening, there is a community potluck meal stating 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.

Quilts attract interest at **Bird City thresher show**

Quilts, new and old, are on display at the quilt building on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show grounds Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The building will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Association owns 13 quilts which are on display if there is room. Other quilts are brought by residents and friends of the Thresher Show to be shared during the three days.

Each year, there are 25 to 50 quilts on display. Some are beautiful and/or unique, many are "friendship" quilts where clubs, churches or other organizations have had members make quilt blocks and they are put together, and others have a history associated with them. These histories are on display with the quilts.

Dee Dorsch, who is one of the coordinators of the quilt show, said the building in open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the show and it is air conditioned.

One of the special quilts this year includes a big quilt made by Dawn Petty.

On display will be the "temperance quilt" donated by May Clark, former resident of Bird City. Mrs. Clark had won the quilt in a drawing. The quilt blocks have the names of the women in the Womens Christian Temperance Union, mostly those from Bird City and the Lawn Ridge area. The quilt was made in the 1940s.

Msue Lamb found quilt blocks in her mother's cedar chest. Treva Henry put the blocks together and the Methodist ladies quilted it. It assumed the blocks were made and given to Msue's parents by friends and neighbors in the 1930s.

The Lutheran Church quilt was made in 1932 as a gift for their pastor. The pastor died and his wife remarried Henry Antholz. She had the quilt for 63 years. After she died, it came back to Frieda Black who donated it to the church.

The newest quilt came from Darlene Brubaker who purchased if for \$5 at 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store in Bird City. It is a Texas Star design

This year, some lucky person will win the Bird City Centennial quilt. The quilt blocks were made by residents and former residents. The quilt was made especially for the Centennial held in June. It will be on display and the winner an-



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



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

nounced during the show.

Ouilts 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 734-2785. were several years that they didn't

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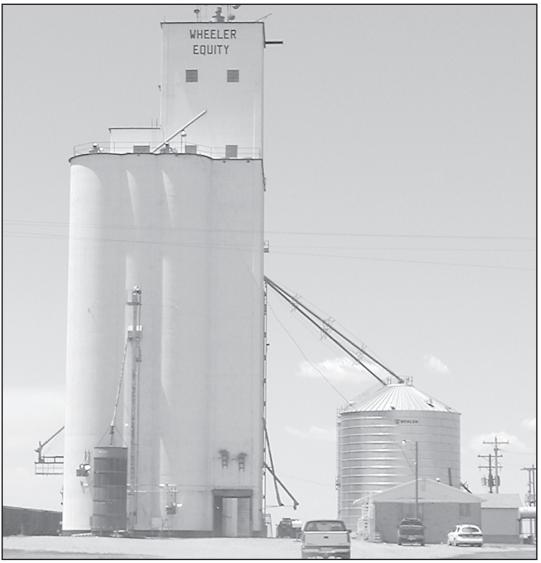
have a show.

In 1995, the quilt building (shared with the print shop) was constructed. There is air conditioning and a pleasant place to cool off during the show.

Next year, if someone wants to share their quilt during the show, call Dee or Stan Dorsch at 785-

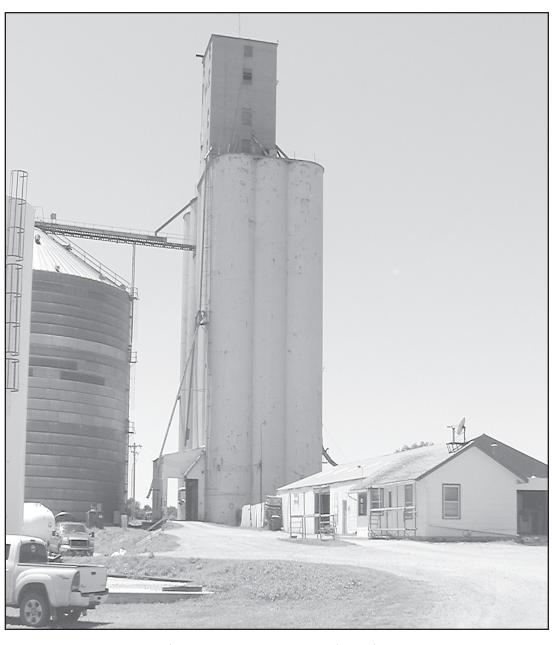
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