

Bird City Thresher Show to start July 25

Queen to be crowned opening day of show

By Karen Krien

The 2002 Thresher Queen will be crowned on Thursday, the opening day of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City. The crowning will take place on the showgrounds. Last year's queen, Meta Dankenbring will also be recognized at the show.

Looking at the picture of the queen when she was a girl, has anyone identified her?

This year's queen said that during her grade school years when she was ciphering with her fellow students, she would always get the answer first.

During the summer, she took piano lessons. She did not like to practice her lessons or learn how to embroidery. She loved the outdoors so would rather help her dad, play "Anti Over" with her dog, and jump rope.

One sport her family enjoyed was playing ball. They had just enough to make a ball team. They played by the grove of tall cottonwood trees.

Horseback riding was fun. They didn't have trim riding horses, but in stead, rode one of her dad's work horses. The one she was riding was wide and she couldn't get her legs around him. And, of course, they rode bareback.

High school journalism was one of her favorite subjects. After leaving the country school, freshmen were having a hard time adjusting to city students. They all knew each other and if you were shy it took awhile to get adjusted.

She attended high school, participating in drama club, girl's glee club, mixed chorus and was on the newspaper staff. A Ford coup was her mode of transportation.

She graduated as an A student. She worked for an insurance association and was active in her local church youth organization. She married and they en-



2002 Thresher Queen

joyed their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The identity of the Thresher Queen will be made known on July 24. Attend the show to see who she is and, while there, enjoy the many displays, demonstrations and the good food. For more information on the Thresher Show which lasts through July 28 at the showgrounds east of Bird City, see related article located elsewhere in this issue.



LARRY HENRY makes some final adjustments on the Rumley plow as Tom Sawyer, Ken Beougher and Norm Dorsch look on.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Residents to hear steam engine whistles

By Peggy Horinek

The 49th Annual Antique Engine and Thresher Show will begin on Thursday, July 25, and runs through Sunday, July 28. Spectators and residents will soon be hearing the sounds of the steam engine whistles.

It is always an experience to see the methods of farming and agriculture used by our forefathers, from the plowing, early harvest equipment to the threshing of grain. There are also steam engine races, the pyramid stunt and a daily parade of antique steam engines and tractors. Antique automobiles are also part of the daily parade.

Other attractions that you won't want to miss are: the Sod House, you'll be surprised at the coolness when you step inside the door; the Car Museum with beautifully restored cars, trucks, pickups, motorcycle, a gas pump, signs, and a license plate collection; the Print Shop which holds one of the last

exhibits of a hot lead Linotype displayed in Kansas. Be sure to go by and watch it in action. In the Blacksmith Shop, it is fascinating to watch how pieces of iron and metal are formed. Other attractions are the Eggers Building with rooms of yesteryear and various demonstrations throughout the day; the Quilt Shop, Country Schoolhouse and the Country Church.

Thursday, the 2001 Thresher Queen, Meta Dankenbring will be recognized and the 2002 Thresher Queen will be revealed. The 2002 Thresher Princess, Cheyenne County Junior Miss, will be introduced.

On Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. a community potluck meal will be held with entertainment by "The Leftovers."

An old-fashioned literary will be at the Country Schoolhouse at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The Antique Tractor Pull is on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to attend the McDonald Lions

Club Barbeque on Saturday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. with special entertainment at 7 p.m. by Ann Zimmerman Eggers.

The Country Kitchen will be open each day with food prepared and served by the ecumenical churchwomen of Bird City.

Rumley plow ready for Thresher Show

By Peggy Horinek

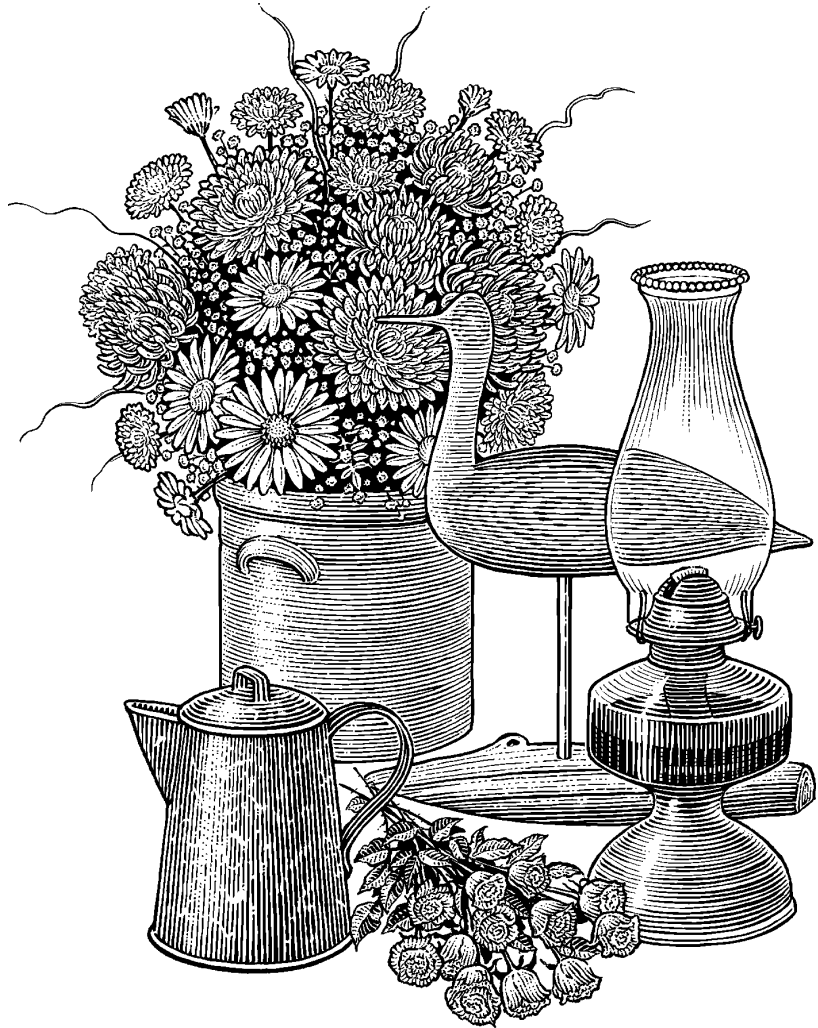
The Rumley Plow, patented in 1906, is an eight bottom breaking plow. It has undergone many hours of labor but is now ready for the 2002 Thresher Show. The plow was originally pulled with a steam or gas powered engine. It required a lot of power to be pulled.

Danny Crist of Quinter loaned the plow to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association with the help of Tom Sawyer.

Norm Dorsch, Ken Beougher and

Jim Wilkens tore the plow down and brought it to Bird City. Norm, Ken, and Larry Henry worked long and hard to put it back together. After being put back together, Norm and Ken painted it.

The association tries to have something new each year. The officers of the association are: Ken Beougher, president; Al Kirmer, vice president; Ned and Deb Smith, secretaries; Stan Dorsch, treasurer; Norman Dorsch, Larry Henry, Wayne Sawyer, Gary Brubaker and Steve Busse, directors.



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