

District of Ross Mills
Ross Mills Newsletter
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Happy Memorial Day!

Pastures of Plenty



When is the time?

Down through the years it was always said May the 10th the cows were going out to pasture. The milk cows had to come back to the barn to be milked both morning and night. Some of the time they came to the farm on their own knowing they had a teat when they got in the barn. Many times we had to go and round them up. Our dog was good at helping to round them up. Our pasture included some wooded area and in the fall they loved to find wild apples — there were times it took longer to round them up.

At one time we had Rover, a part German Shepherd Dog, that loved getting the cows. He would go alone if the cows were in sight. Rover a good job, if one lagged behind he would go and nip her heels so she would go faster.

~ Emory

Ross Mills Grange News

Members of Falconer School Board were guests at Ross Grange April 22 meeting. Included were Todd Beckerink, Bob Carpenter, and Tracy Schrader, as well as Stephen Penhollow, school superintendent and Holly Hannon, principle of Temple Elementary School. There are three seats on the board to be voted on this year. Budgets were distributed comparing this year with next year's proposal, Teachers' retirement and insurance continue to increase while we are at a flat tax levy. Schools are the only

budgets people vote on - cities, villages and town budgets are decided by elected officials.

The timeline for building improvements was given - This year will be a new addition to the bus garage. The football field is expected to be completed by August 31. The annexation problem should be resolved by April 26 or May 3.

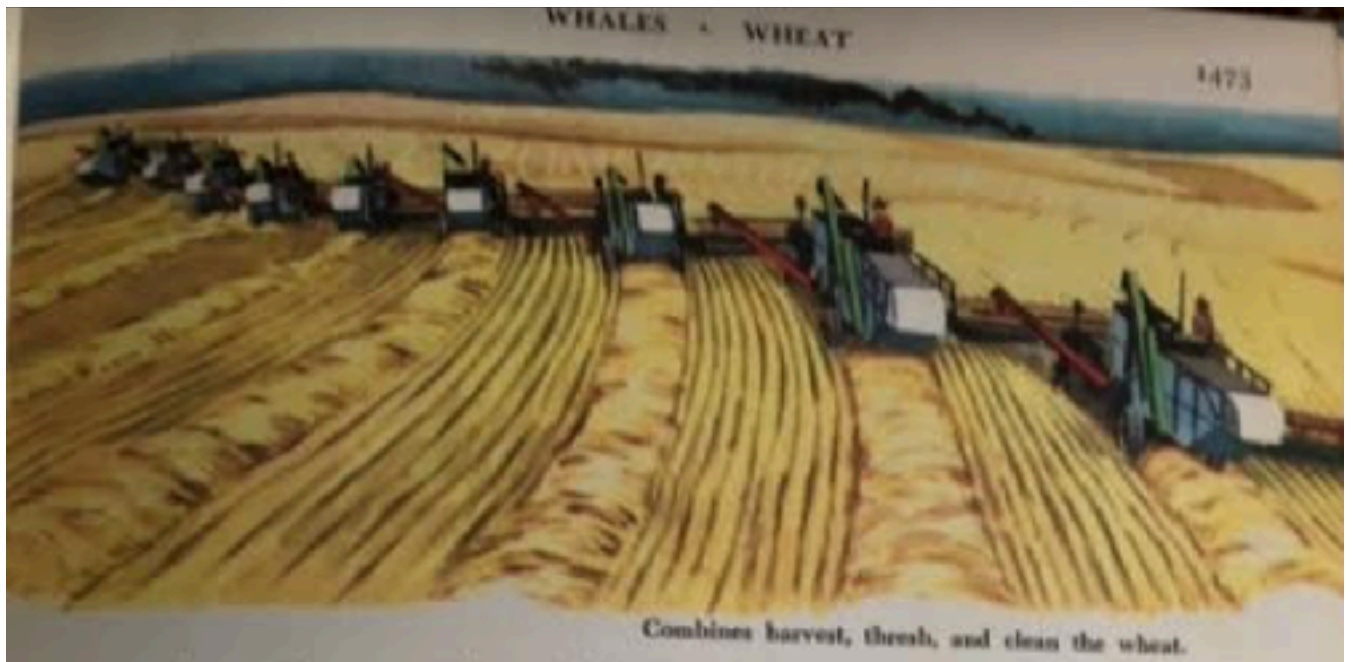
Questions were asked and answered and comments made. The board was pleased to be asked, saying they have more in attendance at this meeting than they expect at the public meeting.

The next Ross Grange meeting will be May 13 at the Falcon's Nest with 4-H members and families joining them for a 6 PM dinner.

*****Cemetery Meeting is Monday, May 13th at Ross Mills Church at 7pm.**

Sister's Restaurant
on Rt. 380
Sunday thru Saturday





The Golden Book Encyclopedia Book 16

WHEAT No one knows what plant our early ancestors first learned to raise. Perhaps it was wheat. At least wheat has been raised for many thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians raised it. So did the Babylonians. And it was one of the five sacred grains the ancient Chinese planted in honor of their gods. Today it is one of our most important food plants.

Wheat belongs to the grass family. It is therefore a cousin of corn, oats, rye, rice, and barley.

This grain can be raised in a great many parts of the world. There are different kinds to fit different climates. Some kinds of wheat need more water than others. Some kinds can stand more heat or more cold than others. Some grow faster than others. Scientists are always working with wheat, trying to develop kinds that will be sturdier and will yield more grain.

Some of the wheat raised in America is spring wheat, and some is winter wheat. Spring wheat is planted in the spring. It is harvested in late summer. Winter wheat is planted in the fall. Blankets of snow protect the young plants during the winter. The wheat is ready to be harvested the following spring or summer.

Grains of wheat are wheat seeds. Much of the wheat we raise is made into flour. From the flour we make bread, cake, cookies, crackers, puddings, macaroni, and spaghetti. Of course, there are other kinds of flour made from other grains. But in the United States much more wheat flour is used than any other kind. Americans use over 20 billion pounds a year. Our meals would be different if we had no wheat. (See **FLOUR; GRASSES; SEEDS.**)