



HARVEST IS GOOD — The elevator has been piling wheat on the ground so there will be room in the elevator for the corn crop.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Elevator piles excess wheat on ground

In three weeks, Frontier Ag took in over 1.85 million bushels of wheat during harvest beginning on June 28. A load was brought in on Friday and Tim Burr, grain manager, is expecting to still get a few more loads.

Friday afternoon trucks started moving all the wheat from the warehouse to the new bunker

built during the winter and spring months. The bunker is used to empty the elevators to make room for the corn harvest.

This is the first time to fill the bunker. Mr. Burr is estimating it will hold between 800,000 and a million bushels of wheat.

Grain trucks were loaded with up to 1,000 bushels of wheat, and

weighed both full and empty. Mr. Burr estimates it will probably take at least two weeks to empty all the elevators.

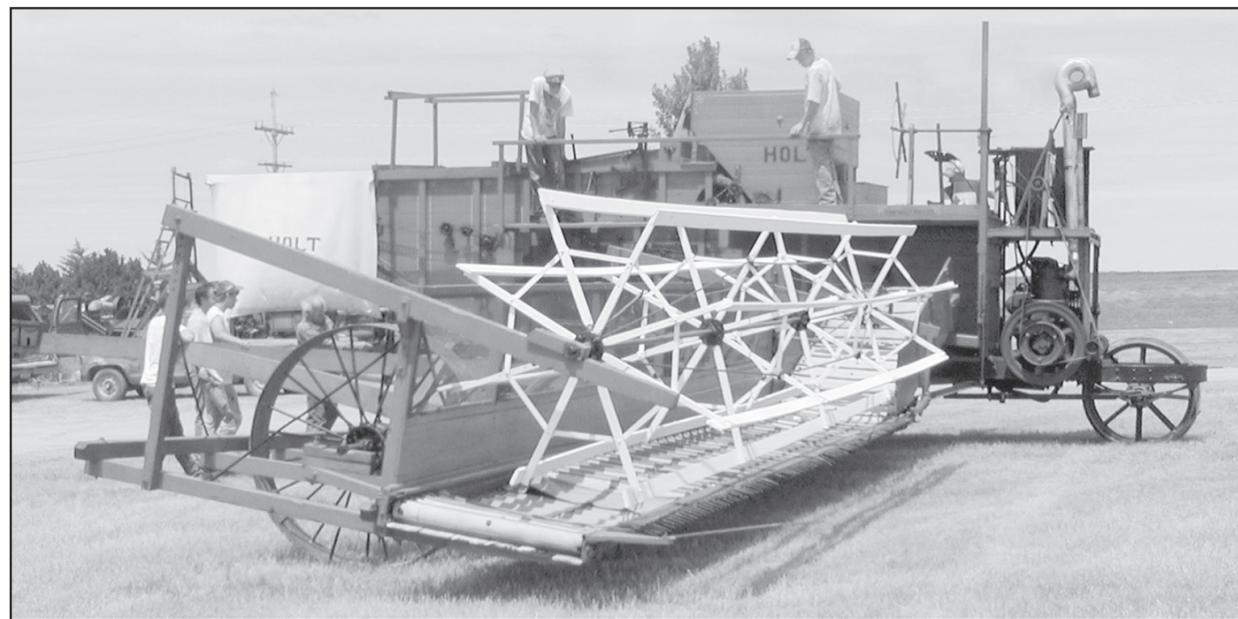
Once the bunker is full, a tarp will be placed over it. Using a suction process, all the air will be removed using fans. This process will keep the tarp tight and hold it down.

The wheat will be held in the bunker all winter long. Once the elevators are empty of the corn harvest the wheat will then be placed back into the elevator and kept until the market price is up in the spring.

While there will be room for the corn, the company is taking a risk as many things can happen.

For instance, if the tarp is not kept tight enough it can blow off, or if it is loose, water, bugs and rodents can get in. This would allow the wheat to mold, or be destroyed by the pests. Any time they risk losing their electricity they will become nervous as the electricity is what will hold the seal on the tarp.

The fall harvest is at a premium so the other elevators will all be full and short of space. Frontier Ag will be the only elevator that is not to full to take in the corn. Other Frontier Ag companies in the area have been successfully storing wheat this way for some time.



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 starts Thursday

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.

Quilts on display at thresher grounds

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 is 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 it 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 125th Celebration quilt. The quilt blocks were made by residents and former residents. The quilt was made especially for the 125th Celebration held in June. It will

be on display and the winner announced during the show.

Quilts have interesting stories but, often, the stories are lost or forgotten. Mrs. Dorch 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 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 785-734-2785.

2010 Queen will be announced

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 and her life and then she will join the parade

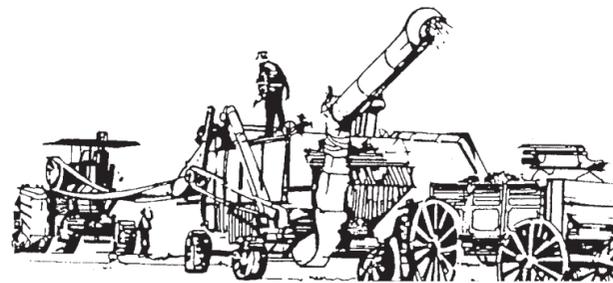


2010 Thresher Queen

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.



THE 125th CELEBRATION quilt will be on display and the lucky winner will be able to take the quilt home.