

Barn \$ Raising

This time of the year, between harvest and planting, is traditionally the time when farmers work on other projects. This is true of the members of the Hendricks County Antique Tractor & Machinery Association (HCATMA), who have started a fund raising campaign to build a Preservation Barn on the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, to store and display the organization's collection of agricultural treasures.

A Home for Yesterday's Tools



Equipment such as this threshing machine will be housed in the Hendricks County Antique Tractor & Machinery Association's proposed Preservation Barn on the fairgrounds in Danville. HCATMA members restore and maintain vintage agricultural equipment to demonstrate farming methods of the past.

Chartered in January 1995, the association has acquired several machines and farm-related items which are presently being stored in numerous private locations around Hendricks County.

Some of the machines are used on a regular basis to demonstrate past farming methods during the county fair, and at HCATMA's annual harvest days and Antique Tractor and Machinery Show.

According to the association's treasurer, Gary Em-swell, the barn will be part of the group's ongoing effort to preserve and display the machines and artifacts of the past so future generations will know the evolution of farming in Hendricks County.

HCATMA has received the support and cooperation of the County Commissioners and the Fairboard for the project, which will be a 36'x 63' post-frame building, located at the northwest portion of the fairgrounds.

The fund raising campaign is accepting donations at the following levels:

Seed - Up to \$100

Plowing - \$100 and up

Planting - \$600 and up

Harvest - \$1,000 and up

All contributions of \$100 or more will be recognized on signage in the Preservation Fund.

Donations may be made to Preservation Barn Fund/HCATMA, c/o Gary T. Em-

sweller, Treasurer, 1975 N. Washington St., Danville IN 46122. For more information call (317) 745-7949, or e-mail MasseyH@aol.com

Another part of the fund raising is a consignment auction to benefit the building fund. It will take place March 5, 2011. For information on consignments, contact HCATMA president Jay Ellis at (317) 445-8999 or jay@hcatma.com
