

**Editor's
Notebook**



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My Grandfather

If you're lucky, you have someone in your life who helps keep things in perspective when times get a little stressful. For me, that person is my grandfather, Stanley Newhall, even though he died 31 years ago. When I look at this photo, which has been in my office for many years, it's almost like he's in the room with me.



This photo of Stanley Newhall was taken in the 1940's.

I grew up 250 miles away from my grandpa but during my college years I was much closer and spent many enjoyable afternoons with him at his place near Owatonna, Minn. He was in his 90's at that time and still living on the farm where he was born.

Grandpa had a couple chairs out in the garage where we would sit for hours, just talking about "the old days" or this year's garden, or just the "doings" around town at that time. He was kind of an inventor, which always interested me, so he would often show me some of his latest creations. They were never pretty but they always saved him a bit of work or time.

One lesson he taught me was to try to make the best of whatever life throws at you, rather than fighting the inevitable. Here's an example:

He put up new dairy and hog barns in the 1940's, along with a brand new house. In the early 1950's, the government announced plans to run an interstate highway right through the heart of his farm and all those new buildings. When the government agent came around to discuss the purchase of his land, he didn't get angry like many of his neighbors. He invited the man in for lemonade and had a friendly chat. As he later told me, "He was just doing his job." My grandparents ended up exchanging Christmas cards with that government agent for many years after the highway came through.

Liberty Quotes

"Power corrupts. But it does more than that. Power attracts the corrupt, then corrupts them further" *Don Matthews*

"It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones." *Calvin Coolidge*

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. That government is best which governs least." *Thomas Jefferson*
"Government does not cause affluence. Citizens of totalitarian countries have plenty of government and nothing of anything else." *P. J. O'Rourke*

"The main vice of capitalism is the uneven distribution of prosperity. The main vice of socialism is the even distribution of misery." *Sir Winston Churchill*

"When a business or an individual spends more than it makes, it goes bankrupt. When government does it, it sends you the bill. And when government does it for 40 years, the bill comes in two ways: higher taxes and inflation. Make no mistake about it, inflation is a tax and not by accident." *Ronald Reagan*

**Something To
Think About**

The motto stamped at the center of the very first U.S. minted coin, the Continental Dollar, in 1776:
"Mind Your Business"



Bud Paints On!

"I have finished 3,600 ears and am still painting," says 88-year-old Bud Thompson of Naperville, Ill., who started painting American flags on ears of corn 18 years ago and says he'll never stop. "I've met many wonderful people through FARM SHOW. They never seem to get tired of my corn flags. The ears harvested last fall are some of the nicest I've ever had to work with."



Orders for Bud's flag corn come in from all over the world.

It takes several hours to paint each ear, with 50 "stars" and 13 stripes on every one. "Every one is different because no two ears of corn are identical," points out Thompson. He sells them for \$10 each plus \$5 postage. Includes a metal display stand.

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Favorite Reader Quotes

"When an old person dies, it's like a library being destroyed." *Phillip Grazide, Santa Rosa, Calif.*

"I'd give up a hundred Ph.D.'s before I'd give up what I learned on the farm." *Robert Cantu, Clearlake Oaks, Calif.*

"If dropped, the probability of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich landing jelly side down is directly proportional to the expense of the floor covering." *John Stava, Bloomington, Ind.*



"He's super friendly and loves a good scratch," says Schwengler about Jethro, who has become a family pet.

Giant Brown Swiss Steer

Reader Dwayne Schwengler emailed the other day to tell me about his Brown Swiss steer that just keeps growing. "I'm 6 ft., 3 in. tall and I can't see over the top of his back," he said about the giant 6-year-old Brown Swiss steer that the family named Jethro.

"He weighed about 2,750 lbs. last year. We haven't been able to weigh him recently but I'm sure he weighs at least 2,850 lbs., by now" says Schwengler, who doesn't know anything about Jethro's parentage since he bought him from a third party.

According to Schwengler, Jethro is a gentle steer who lives on pasture with his other beef cattle. "He's a super friendly and loves a good scratch. We sometimes feed him grain from a bucket to keep him tame. He has been a great family pet," says Schwengler. "I plan to halter break him so we can take him to local parades. Eventually I hope that someone will be able to ride him."

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Homeowners of yesteryear said heating with wood warmed us up five times. We got warm when we trekked out to the woods. We got warm when we sawed down the wood. We got warm when we split and stacked it. We got warm when we burned it. And we got warm when we cleaned out the ashes. (*Cecil Feilding in his book "Down The Road A Piece . . . With Cec"*)

The Wisdom Of Larry The Cable Guy

- Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- A day without sunshine is like night.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off right now.
- Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up right on the spot.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

3-Team Baseball

An unusual baseball game was held in 1944 at the Polo Grounds in New York between three teams: the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. The game was a fund raiser for the war bond effort and it got so much publicity that more than \$56.5 million was raised.

During the game, each team batted six times, played defense six times, and sat on the sidelines six times. In the end, the Dodgers won the three-cornered game with five runs, while the Yankees scored one run and the Giants were shut out.



Badger Had A Bad Day

It must have been quite a ride for this badger when he accidentally got caught up in a round bale. Fortunately he was on the outside so it was easy to cut him free. According to the fellow who sent the email, the dazed badger walked back to the woods under his own power.



More Ole & Lena

Ole and Lena were at the fair when Ole commented, "Now, dat looks like a happily married couple over there."

"Don't be tew sure, my dear. They are probably saing da same ting about us," replied his wife Lena.

One night Ole and his wife Lena were sleeping and suddenly Lena woke up.

"Dear, dere's a burglar downstairs eating da cake!" exclaimed a worried Lena.

"So vhat should I do? Should I call da police or da ambulance?" asked Ole.

Lena went to the police station with her next-door neighbor, Olga, to report that her husband was missing. The policeman asked for a description.

Lena said, "He's 35 years old, 6 foot 4, has dark eyes, dark wavy hair, an atheletic build, veighs 185 lbs., is soft spoken, and is good tew da children."

The next-door neighbor, Olga, protested, "Your husband is 5 foot 4, chubby, bald, has a big mouth, and is mean tew your children."

To which Lena replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"

The pastor at Sven and Ole's church was giving a rousing heaven or hell sermon one Sunday. At the end, the minister commands, "Whoever wants to go to heaven, stand up." Everyone except Sven and Ole stand. The pastor walks over to them, looks them directly in the eye, and asks, "So, why don't Sven and Ole want to go to heaven?"

Sven answers, "Oh, ve vant to go to heaven. But ve taught you vere taking a load up right now and vere not ready yet."