

Chapter 38 IH Legends

Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi everyone and welcome to spring 2011. We arrived home from Arizona April 7/11 to more than remnants of winter remaining followed the next week by overflowing rivers and then cold weather and yet more snow to melt. I did get to attend a couple of Arizona tractor shows; of IH interest were two tractors to mention - a beautiful Farmall M that sold for \$4000.00 to a Canadian and an impeccable 986. Quite a few IH trucks mostly of the 50's vintage.

Even though winter kept some of the restoration projects in the cold, the administration of Ch 38 has been active; Barb Bender has done a superb job of assembling the list of current and past members into a listing that is becoming useful for administration, this list to be available to members at the Pincher Creek show. Sharon Algot making use of her experiences in service club work in helping us with the redoing of some of our bylaws. And of course Marty Nervick, new to the treasurers and membership job has been working to become familiar with the systems of our National administration. George Kirkham has been the Ch 38 2011 show representative on the Heritage Acres show committee. So many thanks to all of you for so generously providing your input.

One area of administration that does require help from all members is the early payment of Chapter dues. The longer this drags on the more work it is for the volunteers. It would be appropriate to sit down at this point and mail a cheque to Marty Nervick for your current years dues of \$35.00 and an extra \$10.00 for your partner if they are so minded. I must also remind you that the grace period from National to receive Highlights is only four months. I don't have a count of the wives that are associate members, but we have quite a few, very nice to see those important people take an active interest in Ch 38, and it is now my experience that these are the folks that can provide more insights into the management of club affairs. Check out the renewal form at www.ihc38.com

We are trying to circulate some information by email from this new membership list. I receive newsletters from other Chapters and I would like all of the membership to be able to read the happenings from other areas. These will be distributed to members who have shared their email address for the membership list. From time to time I receive information that would be appropriate to forward, so the more addresses we have the more informed you will be.

We have interest from several members who will be travelling to Albert Lea, MN for Red Power Roundup on June 23 - 25 2011. Barb Bender has secured a table in the Chapters display area to function as a gathering point for Ch 38 members attending RPRU. The antique machinery show at the Farm Progress show in Regina on June 15 - 17 2011 usually has a good representation of IH trucks and tractors. Gerald Parker at one time did assemble the IH tractors to parade together. Very impressive. Hopefully Gerald will be there again this year with his display table visiting with and selling memberships to folks attending the show. And of course Heritage Acres at Pincher Creek is expecting us to show up with a large representation of trucks and tractors on July 30 31 and Aug 1/2011. If you have anything to contribute to the feature, which is A B and C line trucks, A B and C tractors, including supers please wash some of the chunky grease spots off and bring them along. And while we are at it, don't forget the 50th Anniversary of the Cub Cadets and the Scout trucks, they will be having a special showing at Heritage Acres. If you have one that happens to be kinda forgotten about and in the dark corner of the barn, dust it off and bring it to the show.

The conclusion of this item brings the condolences of Ch 38 to Marty Nervick and his sisters for the loss of their mother this winter. Marty has a very full plate at the moment, following the weather related travel into Regina everyday, dealing with an ailing parent, their death and subsequent settlements as well as being there for Ch 38.

Darald Marin pres. IHCC Ch 38

EDITOR'S MESSAGE:

Well hello again everyone. It is finally spring. Well sort of. Still cold here and there is a lot of snow. Hoping to see some farmers in the field by the first week of May, but I think that is being pretty optimistic. We had a pretty productive winter, finally finishing up our E4 and E5 CO-OP's at the end of March. It was a pile of work, but turned out to be worth the effort.

Since the last newsletter, I have changed jobs. I am now Service Manager for Barrhead/Westlock for Hiway Service. I started there February 28th.

It is good to be back amongst red machinery again.

Since we are finished painting, I can now get some mechanical work done on a few units in the shop. I have the head off of my MD right now. It is ugly, it has more cracks in it than the Liberal's campaign platform. I really had no issues with the tractor, other than it would leak a little bit of coolant into the oil and I was getting some compression in the rad after I worked it REAL hard. I was a little surprised to see the extent of the cracking, but not totally shocked. Luckily I have a real nice head off of a Super WD6. So I guess we'll be back in business soon.

I was also real lucky to aquire a genuine International Harvester A,B and C series injection pump test bench. It is 100% complete. I plan on spinning a pump up on it this week. This bench was out of the old IH dealership in Westlock owned by Larry Clarahan. I believe Clarahan's dealership was the only one in the area capable of testing these pumps. As luck would have it, the bench came with a box of special tools for repairing these pumps.

I have to say how much I enjoyed the dealerships of the past article in the last newsletter. I am really looking forward to more of those.

Hope everyone has a safe and productive spring!

Until next time,

Ken

Once again, we have a new addition to our newsletter....IH Moments In History, where we'll feature pictures and stories about the IH company and its dealer network.

As with the Dealerships of the Past articles, we encourage our membership to submit articles that others may enjoy reading.

Bernie



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Nominating Committee Update

For us here in Saskatchewan, this is the winter that just won't end! Record snowfalls have turned to record runoff and many areas are under flood watches. I live near Lumsden and for those folks, this is the highest flow on record - 2011 has not gotten off to a good start.

Our annual meeting and annual elections are coming up quickly. This year our show and annual meeting will be in Pincher Creek. The term as Director for Darald Marin, Gerald Haight and Marty Nervick will be up this year. This is a call for nominations for the 2011 board. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of the Western Canadian Chapter 38 IHC Collectors club, please send their name and a brief bio to one of the nominating committee. We would really like to hear from you - this is your club and I just bet you have a lot of good ideas for making our club even better than it already is!!

Thanks from the nominating committee: Gerald Haight, Claude Roeland and Marty Nervick

Show update - REMINDER that AUGUST 1, 2011 IS THE LAST DAY OF THE SHOW...NOT July 31. Check out our website for more details www.ihc38.com

***Chapter 38 Members' Own Membership Roster
is near completion and coming soon.***

It has been a real pleasure to contact the members of Chapter 38 IHC in February and I so appreciated everyone's warm reception to my telephone calls. Of over 273 current members I have contacted all but a few, and I still hope to be in touch personally with the rest very soon.

The Members' Own Roster will be printed with names, addresses, telephone numbers and emails of **only those persons who have given me permission** because this Roster List of current members will be given to the members of Chapter 38.

The purpose of the roster list is to enhance Chapter 38 and it will enable everyone to know who else belongs to Chapter 38. It is meant to be a resource for communication for members to use in a cordial and courteous manner to contact, to keep in touch, to get to know, to share information about their IHC hobby or interests, restorations, parts or items for sale or wanted to purchase, etc.

I am excited to complete this Roster List as soon as possible. Please contact me immediately if I have not spoken with you. You can phone me at 306-781-2000, or email me at benderbarb@sasktel.net

If I do not get to talk to you, I will not enter your name or information into this roster book, and there will be only so many printed, so I am unsure if there will be extra books made. You do not have to have your information in the book to get a copy, but I will need to be in contact with you.

Barb Bender, Chapter 38.



AUCTION NOTICE!

One of our members , Robert Anderson is having a sale of his IHC collection, on Monday August 1, 2011. You can see it on line at

http://www.mrankinauctions.com/RT_Aug_01/RT_Aug_01.htm

or email rankin@mts.net, or srtaylor@mts.net.

Buy & Sell

For sale: Pair of front brake drums for straight axle IH pickups 1967 through 1972, 12" x 2". Machined and ready for installation. \$150 for the pair.

Ph. Bernie at 780-464-1030 or email: yakimys@shaw.ca

For Sale: Various engine parts for a 1967 706. These parts are for a D310 Neuss built engine. Call 403-741-8326



Editor's note: Thanks to member Terry Grover of Penhold, AB for researching this article, and to Maria Ford for having authored same.

Dealerships of the past...

By 1968, Stewart Brothers/Stewart Supplies was the longest-established IHC dealership in North America.

Stewart Brothers was founded in 1902 in the village of Penhold, Alberta when brothers and farmers Norman and Tom Stewart decided to become businessmen and International Harvester (IHC) dealers. The business went on to serve a diverse client base along the Calgary-Edmonton corridor for 66 years.



Portraits of Tom and Norman Stewart, circa 1930 and again in Jamaica in 1965

Having homesteaded since 1884, Norman and Tom counted on their farming experience, knowledge of machinery, and providing excellent service to the Central Alberta farming community to become successful.

Bootstrapping the Business

With a \$600 bank loan, the brothers purchased a building supply business in Penhold and became a sub-agent for the McCormick line, signing their first Deering contract in 1904. To supplement their income in the enterprise's difficult early years, the brothers also ran a custom threshing outfit while two of their sisters, Allie and later Mable, tended the office.

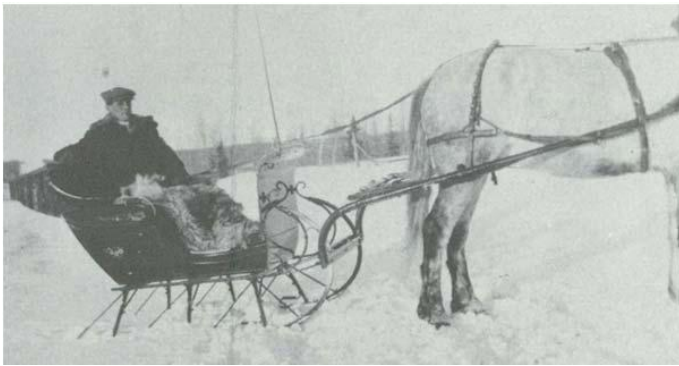
By 1914, the business could boast a net worth of just over \$14,000. At the start of the 1930s the two partners had a combined total of \$500,000 in their shareholders' accounts. In 1939, the Penhold and Red Deer Stewart Brothers agencies were doing well over \$100,000 per year in machine sales, making them the foremost of implement retailers in Alberta. As a 1939 article in the IHC magazine, *International Harvester Dealer*, points out: "Theirs was no overnight development but a record of hard work, perseverance, good common horse sense and gradual expansion."

In his 1964 family history, *Children of the Pioneers*, Norman Stewart recalls: "I often wonder how we managed in those early years. It is a mystery that we didn't go under. We were completely without experience. More than that, we were extremely cautious and were afraid to take a chance on anything, but our years on the farm stood us in good stead. We were well used to trading and bartering. It was the only way business was done in those early years. We have never completely departed from it in all the dealing we have done since."

\$ 24.00 Penhold Alberta Aug 6th 1907
 (Town) (Date)
 On or before the first day of November 1907, for value received,
 I promise to pay to the **International Harvester Company of America**
(A Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Wisconsin)
 or order, the sum of Twenty-four DOLLARS
 with interest until maturity at 7 per cent. per annum from date.
 After maturity this note shall draw interest at 10 per cent. per annum until paid.
 Payable at Penhold Alberta.
 (Town)
 Given for On 5th Great Deering mower
 The property in and the title to the goods above mentioned, which I hereby agree to buy, shall remain in the company, and shall not pass to me until full payment of the price thereof, and all obligations given therefor have been paid.
 If I sell or attempt to sell the undermentioned land which I own, or if I make default in payment of this note or any other note or obligation given on account of the said price, or if the Company shall deem itself insecure, the whole amount of the said price and interest thereon and all obligations and notes given therefor shall forthwith become due and payable, and the said Company may forthwith, without making presentment or demand, take action against me therefor; and the said Company may at its option take possession of the said goods and sell the same at private sale or public auction, the proceeds, less expenses, to be applied on the debt, all of which shall be without prejudice to the rights of the said Company to collect the balance remaining unpaid, which I agree to pay forthwith and for which action may be taken against me by the said Company I agree that the said goods shall be at my risk as to damage or destruction from any cause, and that I will pay the said price therefor and interest thereon and all obligations given therefor, notwithstanding that the said goods may become damaged or destroyed.
 The land above referred to and which I own is 1/4 of Sec. No. 2 Township No. 27 Range No. 29 in the Province of Alberta.
 (Insert what part of section)
 Post Office Penhold Alberta, James Reeves
 Witness to Signature N. Stewart
 Fill out all blank spaces except Number. Signatures by mark must be witnessed. If name is foreign or illegible, write it plainly in margin.

An IHC promissory note bearing Norman Stewart's signature as witness, dated 1907. These notes were taken by the dealer but held and collected by IHC. Each fall, the collector for IHC would drop by to get directions from the dealer then go canvassing for payment. Usually payment was received but in some rare cases the note would be renewed or a partial payment taken.

In addition to the principal IHC line, Stewart Bros. also held the Cockshutt and Oliver agencies, and distributed H.D. Hume pickup reels for B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and part of Manitoba. For a short time they also dealt in Ford cars. When he was in his 80s, Tom Stewart recalled that he was still waiting to be paid for some of them. He often recalled a story of accompanying an older customer on a test drive. Upon coming to a fork in the road, the nervous customer pulled back on the steering wheel and cried, "WHOA!" The Ford continued on through the fork and ended up among the poplars.



Tom Stewart canvassing, circa 1910

The brothers were excellent business partners. While Norman managed the business, Tom oversaw outside operations and merchandising, making sales calls throughout the region in a horse and buggy. Throughout the business' history numerous family members would also play important roles, including Norman's daughters, Kaye and Gwen, who operated the Red Deer agency store during wartime when the men enlisted.

Surviving the Depression & War Years

In 1930, Stewart Bros. took over the McCormick-Deering contract in Red Deer under the management of Jack Stewart, Norman's son (and later an alderman of the City of Red Deer). By 1935, they had grown the Red Deer dealership into a model agency - a modern brick-and-steel building of 50'x105' including a showroom, office, repairs department, machine shop, storage space, hydraulic operated freight elevator, and loading platform on a railway siding.

During the 1930s, farm families faced an uncertain future. Many relocated from dried-out areas of eastern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Except for a bit of government assistance to buy food, they were without a cent. Stewart Bros. supplied many of them with building materials, tractor fuel and implements to get them started.



The Stewart Brothers Penhold store and staff in 1921. Norman, wearing a cap, is standing in the doorway while Tom is at the corner of the store standing behind the exhaust of the Titan tractor. In the foreground is a TITAN tractor S.N. 40529, circa 1919. Between 1915 and 1922, 78,464 of these horizontal two-cylinder chain-drive tractors were built.



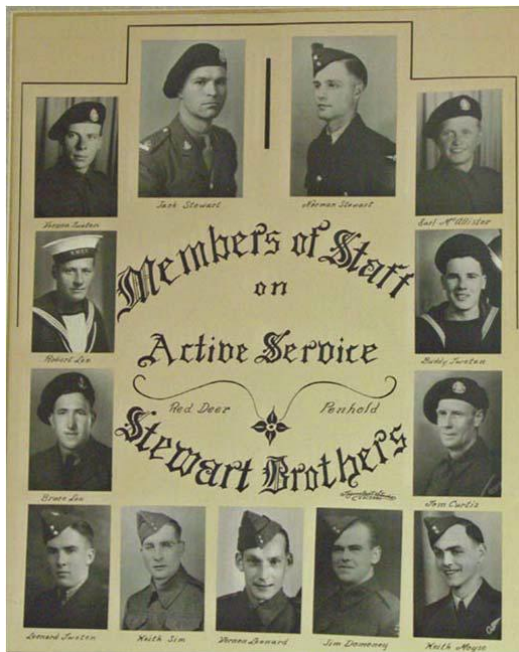
The barn at Stewart Bros. "CPR farm", circa 1930s

At this time, Stewart Bros. made a decision that would secure the business' long-term success in the farm implement business: it established its "CPR farm" in Penhold on SW 36 36 38 W4. The farm allowed the lumber and machinery business to barter in animals, grain and building-supply hardware. It has been said that during the Depression, the highest credit rating in the implement business West of Winnipeg was Stewart Brothers.

A 1939 issue of *International Harvester Dealer* gives some insight into farm machinery commerce at the time:

"One sale in 1939 included a TD-40 TrackTracTor with bullgrader, Crawler Wagon and Tulsa Winch. On this sale alone, two carloads of lumber were taken in trade besides a large number of horses. Another sale for 1940 ... is the largest International truck ever sold in Canada - a Model DRD-426-F, retailing at approximately \$13,000. On this sale they took sixty horses in trade besides a large quantity of lumber."

The business also serviced and sold used farm machinery. During World War II, the Red Deer machine shop kept machinery going at a time when new product was almost unavailable. As the same article notes: "Every farmer for miles around knows that he can get a good buy in dependable used machines from Stewart Brothers. They have a shrewd policy of overhauling tractors and other machines in the slack season and at the beginning of harvest season they always have available probably 20 reconditioned binders ready to go work in the field."



An archival photo montage showing the Stewart Bros. staff members who enlisted in WWII. Remarkably, all 13 returned.

In early 1940, the enterprise saw many of its staff enlist in the Armed Forces, Jack Stewart to the army, and Norman Jr. to the Air Force. Of the 13 Stewart Bros. staff who enlisted, all returned from war alive.

During this time, the Red Deer store also served as the 1941 Victory Loan drive headquarters, pictured below.



During wartime, the Stewart Brothers Red Deer store served as headquarters for the 1941 Victory Loan drive.

Winds of Change

By the late 1950s, many of the business' managers were looking to reduce their workloads. In 1959, the Red Deer implement office closed as Jack Stewart entered semi-retirement. The Red Deer building supply business was leased to Monarch Lumber (from Winnipeg), while the machinery building was leased to Sears. In 1980 the balance of the Red Deer property was sold to an Edmonton-based land developer.

By the 1960's, Stewart Bros. was being managed by a second generation of family – Tom Stewart's son-in-law, Graham Ford. Graham's son Stewart joined the business full-time in 1958 at the age of 20. The '60's were a pivotal decade for the business: Norman died in 1965, the Red Deer portion of the business was closed, and Graham went into semi-retirement.

Under Stewart Ford's direction, the building materials supply side of the business expanded and a new store was opened in Penhold in 1967. The IHC contract was surrendered in 1968 after Stewart Bros. gave IHC a year's notice of their intent. With the surrender of the IHC agency in 1968, the business auctioned off farm machinery and related items. Graham continued to sell some of the short lines from an office in the building supply store until 1975, when the balance of machine items were sold at auction.



Tom Stewart seated on a British-built IHC B-414 diesel tractor, circa 1964. When the B-414 tractor was launched in 1961, IHC advertising literature described it as "The tractor with everything you've wanted most". The B-414 was powered by a 36 h.p. diesel engine, transmission was via an eight forward and two reverse speed gearbox.



This photo of the 1968 machinery auction was taken from the roof of the Penhold store's then-new arch rafter building supply storage shed. Worth noting are the two WD9 tractors joined with a tandem hitch, seen to the right of the platform warehouse. This was a farmer innovation to get more horsepower and traction. They went out of style quickly once machine companies came up with their own versions which were more compact and had a much tighter turning radius.

According to IHC, Stewart Brothers (1902-1954)/Stewart Supplies (1954-present) was the longest established IHC dealership in North America when the contract was surrendered. In 1962 – the 60th anniversary of the business – IHC presented the founding partners and Jack Stewart each with a long-service gold IHC lapel pin, which featured a ruby as the dot over the "I".

The feedlot also closed around this time, when Jack Stewart retired. Tom, the last of Stewart Bros.' founding partners, died in 1973 shortly after the birth of Stewart Ford's first child. Keeping with Norman and Tom's "customer-first" philosophy, the business continued to serve a large and mixed farming district until Stewart, after celebrating the business 100th anniversary semi-retired and sold the assets in 2003 to what is now Penhold Building Supplies Ltd. Stewart Ford continues to manage the Company property and draw building plans when not travelling with his wife, Eileen.



As photographed by IHC in 1962 upon the occasion of presenting Stewart Bros. with the IHC gold lapel pins. Standing in front of the 1908 store from left: Tom Stewart, Graham Ford, Jack Stewart, Norman Stewart Sr., & Norman Stewart Jr.

Our History Wrapped into a Business

During their lifetimes, which spanned the reigns of seven monarchs, Norman and Tom Stewart heard the squeal of the Red River carts passing by their parents' homestead. They fled the 1885 Rebellion to Calgary, where Norman had his first job selling papers and their sister Mabel was born - the first white birth in Calgary. They saw the coming of the automobile and the airplane; witnessed the Great War; survived and indeed grew their enterprise during the Great Depression; watched 13 members of their staff enter active service during WWII - all of whom survived. They ended their years at the dawn of the space age with Sputnik circling above in space.

Throughout most of these years, the enterprise they established provided the goods, services - and frequently the financial support - that Central Alberta's pioneering families needed to gain a foothold, establish homesteads and grow their families. Through prosperous times and many challenging times, the brothers and many of their family members found creative ways to ensure that their customers would have what they needed to survive.

As their grandson and business successor Stewart Ford remembers them, "They were men as men ought to be."



One of three International Harvester pins presented on the 60th anniversary of the start of the Stewart Brothers association with IHC.



This photo of the John Hay Stewart family on their homestead, circa 1890s pictures (clockwise from top left) sons Norman Stewart, Tom Stewart, daughters Edna and Mabel, and their mother Irene sitting behind the two daughters. In 2010 the photograph was reproduced in a life-size a bronze relief that is on display at Penhold's new Multiplex.

Authored by Maria Ford with data, memories and anecdotes provided by Stewart Ford. Stewart can be reached at: stewhold@telusplanet.net

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AN ENVIABLE RECORD

60 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

THERE were less than fifty farmers in Alberta's Red Deer-Penhold area at the turn of the century. The only roads were trails which wound over the land, dodging the many little sloughs and heavier bluffs.

This was the scene in 1902 when brothers Tom and Norman Stewart quit their farm to become IH farm equipment dealers at the tiny hamlet of Penhold. With six hundred dollars borrowed from the bank, they started Stewart Bros. - a business that has offered 60 years of continuous service to local farmers, and one that our Company is proud to have in its 1100 strong Canada-wide dealer organization.

Considering the fact that farmers were few, spread over a wide area, and had little or no money, it is surprising that the Stewarts would venture into the farm equipment business. But, like so many IH dealers, they had their eye to the future. They saw in their area wonderful pos-

sibilities for a mixed farming community. They knew that advanced farm machinery was fast becoming a necessity to economically grow grain and livestock. And the C.P.R. had just completed its Calgary-Edmonton line, opening the country to many new settlers.

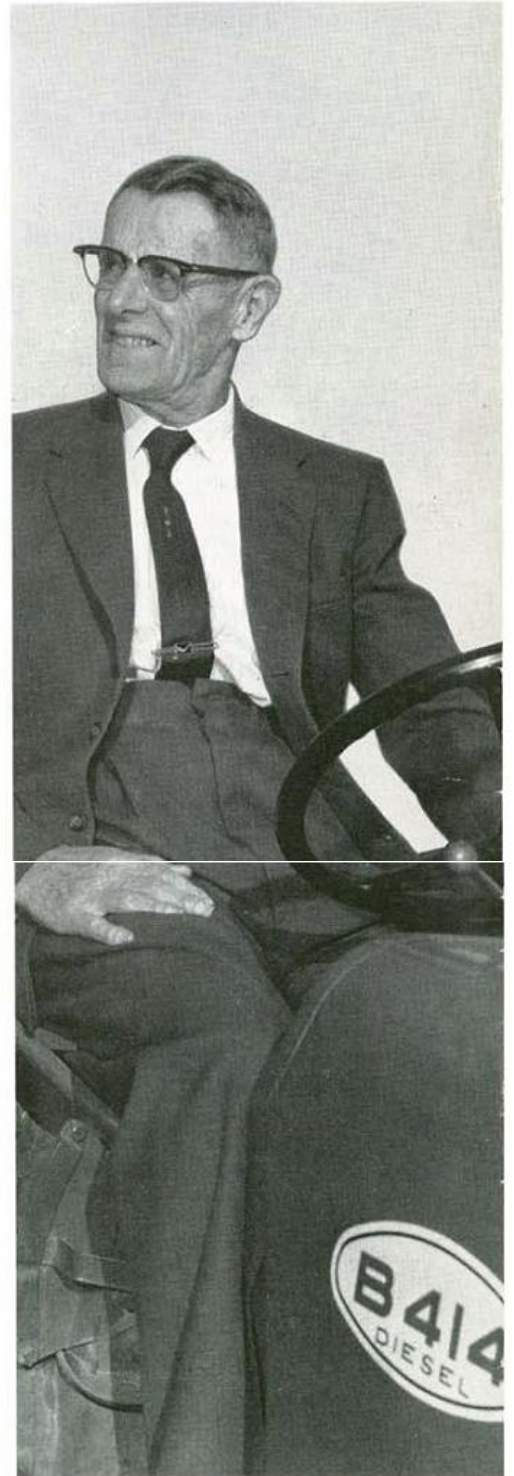
The two brothers rented the farm they had homesteaded since 1884 and set up their business, counting on their farming experience and knowledge of machinery to help them become good farm equipment dealers.

The first years were difficult. But with the steadfast tenacity that is characteristic of IH dealers, the Stewarts kept the business solvent. They augmented their income from machinery sales by doing custom threshing throughout the area with a steam-powered thresher, while their youngest sister, Allie, rode eight miles a day on horseback to look after their office. Little by little the business began to grow.

For 60 years Tom Stewart has sold IH farm equipment. He welcomes the B-414 as the best diesel tractor in Canada in its horsepower class.



Some early equipment sold by Stewart Bros. includes late 1920's McCormick-Deering combine, above, and tractor with angle lugs, right, used about 1919.





Stewart Supplies is a family business. Left to right are Tom Stewart, Graham Ford, Jack Stewart, Norman Stewart Sr., and Norman Stewart Jr.

Mr. Stewart is high in his praise of the company "whose cooperation could always be counted on. A good deal of sales help was always there for the asking, and right good salesman the IH men were.

"At the end of the season, anything that the agent had unsold was carried over, without questions and without Harvester charging interest.

"Tractors began to take over as the main source of power after the end of World War I. The old Titan was the first tractor to gain popularity.

"About the mid 1920's the Titan was superseded by the McCormick Deering 15/30. This new tractor, the forerunner of today's tractors, marked the first real breakthrough into complete tractor farming. It replaced horses in large numbers. Dealers everywhere were almost forced to trade in horses on many of their tractor deals. We were no exception. Luckily we had always kept a piece or two of farm land. At least we had a place to keep our four-legged trade-ins. Many a time we had over a hundred head on hand.

"Today's tractor with its rubber tires, built-in hydraulic systems, power take-off, torque amplifier and large selection of speeds, is indeed a piece of precision engineering. As such it requires well trained and well equipped service, which we as dealers must provide.

"In the days of the old Titan, the farmer was a greenhorn indeed if he could not and did not pull off the head and grind the valves a couple of times a year. He also put in a set of rings from time to time, and a new connecting rod bearing whenever the engine hammered one out. Now, in all but a very few cases, those days are gone.

"Along with those older tractors we often sold International wood, and later 'all steel', threshers. Having spent a good many of our earlier years on and around threshing rigs, we liked to sell these machines. The International was always a smooth easy-running thresher, and a good grain saver.

"The first combines came into our district in 1928. Most farmers believed that this was not 'combine country' and they caught on slowly. It would be almost impossible to farm without them now.

"Of all the machines we sold, none ever received the genuine affection which we had for the binder. To us it was a wonderful piece of engineering, and the tying mechanism, or knotter, was the perfect invention.

"Even though threshing was the final operation, it always seemed like binding was the one that counted most. To see four good horses going down the field with an eight-foot binder behind them, the binder- whip sticking high in the air, and the discharge arms kicking out a bundle a couple of times a minute, gave one a feeling which could not be equaled by any other machine.

"Parts service was good on these machines. We took pride in being able to fill all parts orders, and Harvester certainly backed us up. Seldom did a farmer have to go home without at least a second-hand piece if we happened to be out of what he wanted. They came for miles to get their repairs. It was a wonderful way of getting people into our store. While there, they also bought many other hardware items. Binder whips, nose nets, axle grease, machine oil, pots and pans, and even a new cook stove on occasion.

"It is hard to realize that those days are gone, that the binder is an obsolete machine. We still miss them as harvest time rolls around," reminisces Norman Stewart.

It was always the hope of Tom and Norman Stewart that their original partnership would become a family corporation. When Norman's sons finished school, they joined the business: Jack, the eldest, in 1929, and Norman Jr., in 1935. During World War II the boys served in the armed forces. To keep the business running, their sisters took over the management of Stewart Bros. Red Deer office. Kathleen Stewart became an

excellent partswoman and Gwen proved that she could sell any and all of the available machines, as well as handling office and bookkeeping work.

They did such a good job, in fact, that even today customers of Stewart Bros. express their appreciation of the service and help the girls provided during the difficult years of parts and implement shortages.

Today, Tom Stewart and his son-in-law, Graham Ford and Norman Stewart and his two sons Jack and Norman operate the dealership. Other members of the Stewart family serve as partners.

In 1960 the business incorporated under the name Stewart Supplies (Penhold) Ltd., with a total of 10 shareholders.

For 60 years the Stewarts have operated their business, building it from a borrowed six hundred dollars in 1902, to a thriving organization in 1962 with a reputation for quality IH machines and quick, courteous personal service.

Speaking for himself and his brother Tom, Norman Stewart had this to say on the 60th anniversary of Stewart Supplies: "Times have changed tremendously since we began. Farming methods, business procedure, and farm machines bear little resemblance to their predecessors of 60 years ago. But if we had it all to do again, I can think of nothing which would give us greater satisfaction than to serve the farmers of this good country in the way that we have been privileged to do these past sixty years."

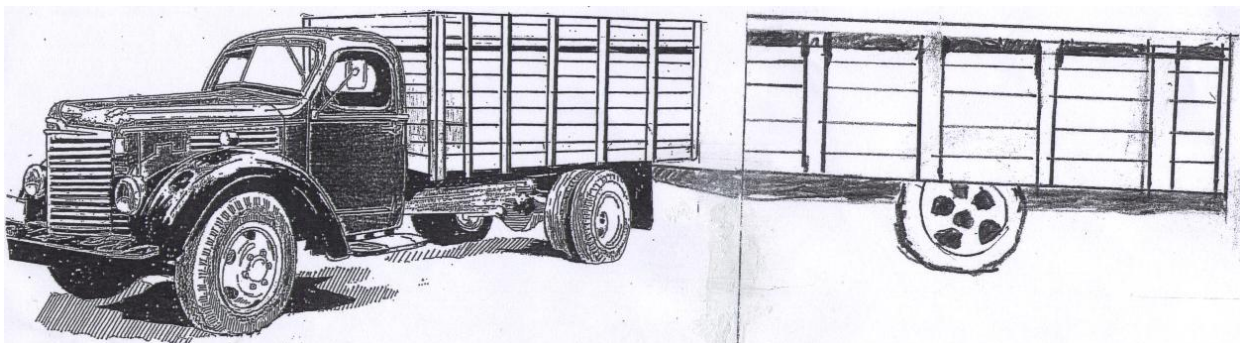
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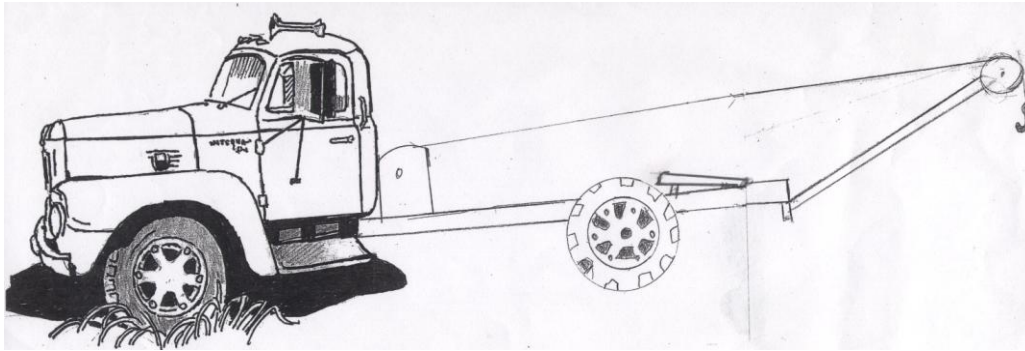


This is the International Harvester Company warehouse and offices at North Battleford, Saskatchewan. The picture was taken in the late 20's or early 30's. Work began on this building in 1912 and finished in 1913. It had an elevator for freight, a loading dock the length of the building and its own railway spur. This office also had large meeting rooms, and over the years, hosted numerous IHC manager meetings and conventions. When not being used for IHC purposes, the rooms were rented to anyone...doctors, dentists, lawyers...

This is an artistic rendering of my 1949 IHC truck which was used to haul the stock of twin from this IHC warehouse to Saskatoon in September of 1957. The truck was powered by a Blue Diamond 251 engine, with 5 speed transmission and 2 speed rear end....and a 21 year old driver..me! Was I ever happy to drive the IHC pulling a pup trailer.



In 1961, the warehouse was torn down. In order to remove the boiler out of this warehouse, we used a 1953 L190 IHC winch truck. It had a Red Diamond 372 engine, 5 speed transmission, 2 speed rear end, and a 2 speed winch. I was the driver and operator of the winch.



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In response to this warehouse article, member Gary Algot of Derwent offered these comments:

"I was at the warehouse in 1953 with my father. We travelled to North Battleford by rail and returned to Derwent with a new R110 pickup for one of my dad's customers. Thank you - your story about IHC helps keep the company alive!"

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