A life well-lived

Zuern estate to offer historical items during auction
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It was March 16, 1947, when Herb Zuern brought his bride, Lorina Zemann, to her new home on his family farm north of Hazen.

The farm is where, as a boy, Herb harbored his children from the schoolyard hill each day for his children to sit on and let them get start of the farm as well. She oversaw that the family eleva-
tion lived in 1956, (with its own scale) a historical one of a kind for a family farm was taken care of. The farm also had its own blacksmith shop. Farmers in the area came to Herb's father in need of something that needed a blacksmith.

"I wasn't going to have the place run down because of me. I wanted the farm to succeed," Lorina said.

Herb and Lorina also worked together to plant a successful shelterbelt of trees in 1952. It was all hard work by a hoe and then they had to water the shelterbelt for an entire year for the evergreens that now stand tall around the farm. Herb's lifelong love of collecting old farm tractors grew as well as the fields they worked. Some of the tractors in the collection included a Model T Ford, a 1930s Cross Motor Case and a 1920s Moline Ferguson Model Moline. They also collected a Model T Ford, a 1930s Cross Motor Case and a 1920s Moline Ferguson Model Moline.

Lorina is appreciative of the help in getting ready for her auction given by friends Bill and Laurel Twin. Lorina's dog, Chief, is also helpful as a watch dog keeping an eye on things.

"It's been an education. It's over 100 years worth of things. The most interesting to me has been the vintage clothing of Herb's parents. It could have been their Sunday best, so beautiful. The things Lorina has donated to a (Christian) school drama department," said Laurel, who has helped Lorina in the house. "It's been a labor of love for all involved, especially the Twins, who were with Lorina in Herb's last months and days."

"We've set up with Herb and Lorina these past couple years of Herb's illness, just watching the two of them not only spoke to Laurel and I but also the nurses, too," Bill shared.

"We were able to gather things and pack and shipped more than 80 boxes of family history literature to where it was needed. Lorina said it was Herb's father, John, and the Chris-
tian way of life of the family that drew her to Herb and the family."

"I guess you could say I met my spouse in my Father's house. The Lord has led us all the way, right ahead of us and guiding us," Lorina said.

As sale time draws near, the well-known red scoria drive into the Zuern farmstead will be lined once again with traffic. Family and friends are coming from several states to support Lorina and to be there once again.

Also coming are many of the families from near and far, coming perhaps to step back in time to their childhood and the memories Herb and Lorina knew.