

**\*NEW\***  
Museum Updates

# ReStore

...the rural heritage of Collin County

April 2011

Collin County Farm Museum  
*at Myers Park and Event Center*  
7117 County Road 166  
McKinney, TX 75071

**Visual Discoveries ~**  
"The Home Demonstration Club"

Billie Leon Cox Donation:  
Collections Catalog Update

'47 Oliver Row Crop Tractor

# ReStore

The Oxford English Dictionary has two definitions for “**restore**”:

1) *To store again...*

Many artifacts at the Farm Museum were once stored by donors in dusty barns, tucked away in sheds or displayed on shelves. Through donations, the Farm Museum collects these artifacts and **restores** them within the collections facility and exhibits. Thus, the artifact’s history is preserved and available for educating the public.

2) *To bring back...*

Through the generous contribution of Farm Museum volunteers’ time and knowledge, artifacts are systematically **restored** to their former glory through five project based restoration exhibits.



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*Cover photograph,  
steam thresher, source:  
Helen Hall  
(2011.03.066)*

If you have historic photographs to share, please contact the Collin County Farm Museum.



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*“1st Home Demonstration Club organized 1917 by Mrs. Ed Magee near Forest Grove— Here young girls learn the art of canning food to help in the “War Effort”. WWI”*

Source: Helen Hall

Your photographs may be missing pieces of history ... And the Collin County Farm Museum would like to **borrow them!** In order to collect, preserve and educate our community about all aspects of rural life in Collin County and help the public develop a better understanding and appreciation of Collin County history... the Farm Museum needs to copy your heritage. We simply ask you briefly loan us your photographs (1840s—1960s) to the museum for copying and recording. The originals are returned to you. If you have some historic photographs to share, please call Jennifer Rogers at (972) 548-4792 or email: jrogers@co.collin.us.tx

# Visual Discoveries Historic Photographs

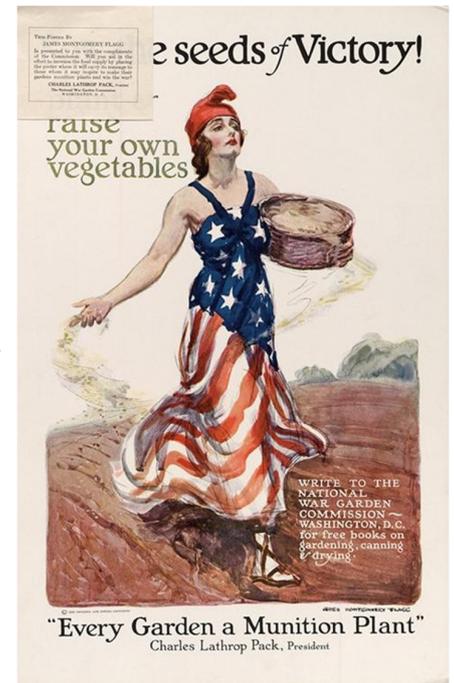
**Home Demonstration Clubs**, also known as Farm Women's Clubs, originated as early as 1910 in some states. Records of Texas' organizations began in 1912 with its purpose geared towards teaching rural girls homemaking and social skills. In 1914 the passing of the national Smith-Lever Act formalized this program since the act mandated the state establish a Cooperative Extension Service via land-grant universities. In 1917 the organization's focus shifted towards the food-conservation programs during World War I. Over the next several decades the program underwent numerous changes, including its name. Today, it exists as the Texas Association of Community and Family Education.

Posters such as the one below also encouraged people to grow and conserve their own food.

## THE SEEDS OF VICTORY

"Write to the National War Garden Commission— Washington, D.C. : for free books on gardening, canning & drying." - 1918

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## Collections Catalog

## Collin County Farm Museum

Thank you to Billie Leon Cox for her donations, which include: a 1947 Ford F-5 truck and trailer, Massey Harris "44" farm tractor, Massey Harris clipper combine, New Idea one row corn picker, grain & feed hammer mill, and a grain and feed blender.

These items are assets to the Collin County Farm Museum and will aid public appreciation concerning the rural heritage of Collin County.— Artifacts arrived January 2011.



The Collin County Farm Museum is searching for **volunteers** to work on various restoration projects throughout the year. From March to May, the volunteers are restoring and preparing mowers, cultivators and balers for outdoor exhibit installations. Starting in June, five exhibits will showcase the restoration process of different projects, starting with: the Hart Parr tractor, the Rumley Oil Pull tractor, Massey Harris clipper combine, and 47 Ford F-5 truck. *\*Project vary depending on completion dates.*

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Get involved with

Vehicle Maintenance Volunteers &  
Public Program Volunteers



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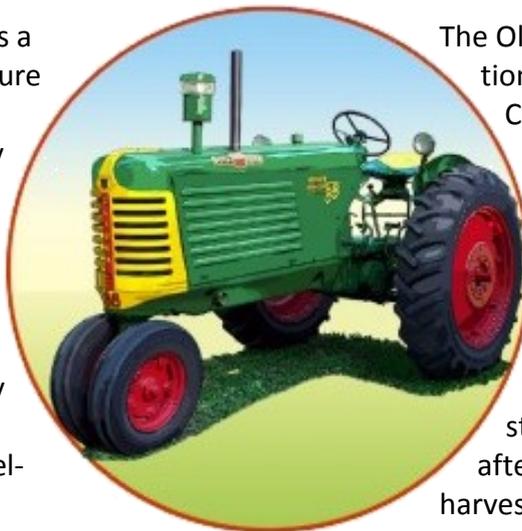
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Check any of the following:

- Interested in restoring history.
- Interested in developing programs.
- Interested in attending workshops.

The Collin County Farm Museum sincerely thanks Jeff Phelps and Roger Meier for their dedication and contributions to the restoration of numerous artifacts, including the 1911 Model T and the 1947 Oliver Row Crop tractor.

The 1947 Oliver Row Crop Tractor is a product of the mechanized agriculture industry which began in the 1880s with the use of steam power. Many farmers in Collin County chose to use agriculture machinery since it dramatically increased farming production and resources. As a result, tractors and other farm machines replaced many jobs formerly performed by people and animals, such as the plough (which was developed in 3100 B.C.)



The Oliver Farm Equipment Corporation, originally known as the Oliver Chilled Plow Works in 1855, began building 4-cylinder Oliver tractors in the 1930s. These tractors were innovatively different and more effective than the earlier 2-cylinder engine models. The restored model on exhibit at the Collin County Farm Museum was strictly designed to cultivate crops after they had sprouted and before harvesting.



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