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Fellow Woodworkers Roger Johnson

By Ronald McKeever

I had the opportunity to meet one of our members this past month. I would like to tell you a little about him. He doesn't make it to the meetings, but he is very aware of our group that meets every month. This gentleman is Roger Johnson; he just happens to be Roland's dad. He doesn't take much credit for teaching Rollie everything he knows, but he has built a thing or two over the years. Because Roger lives in Clear Lake, South Dakota and is well over 90, he can't make it to our monthly meetings, but he did drive up to visit his sons for Thanksgiving. They like when Dad comes to town, because he usually brings fresh bread.



He was raised on a farm in S.D. He attended elementary school for 8 years, high school for 1 year, and at the age of 15 started working as a farmhand. He worked for the Swift Company for a while, and then in 1944 joined the army for 3 years. After returning home he helped his father run a Service Station until he started work for the Rural Electric Association. He continued with the REA for 30 years before retiring in 1976. Most of his formal education came from night school classes and correspondence courses.

He shared that over the course of years he has made many wooden projects, most of them still in use today by his children or grandchildren. Because he lives alone he doesn't do much woodworking anymore, but spends his time with crossword puzzles and email on his web TV.

When asked about his long healthy life, he didn't give me any real advice that I wanted to hear. He said that he thought it helped to exercise 1 hour each day and eat ground Flax Seed and a lot of cottage cheese. He stated that he eats cottage cheese on his cottage cheese, so there you go! By the way, his mother lived to be a few months shy of 100 years old.

CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School November 17th, 2004
at 7PM Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

• Scroll Saw Demonstration, Clem :

The CMWA group met at the Sauk Rapids Middle School, room 916 for a scroll saw presentation by Clem and Elaine Sauer of the Northern MN Woodworkers Association. Clem has been at it since he was 12 years old, and he brags that he still has all of his fingers. His skill at scroll sawing is exceeded only by his sense of humor. He gave a great presentation/demonstration and brought a great deal of items to display. He has worn out several scroll saws, and now swears that his latest acquisition, made by DeWalt, is the best one yet at \$400.00 (+ \$29.00 for the light). He says he has used up to 75 different types of blades with his saws, and feels Olson makes one of the best blades on the market. He had some good advice about using lighter fluid to remove spray adhesive used to apply paper patterns.

• Items for Sale:

- None

• Next Meeting:

- **Holiday Social.** Wednesday, December 15th, 7 PM at the **Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle**



Wooden spoons were one of Roger's many creations.

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Next Meeting: December 15th at 7:00 PM at Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School

Board Meeting: December 15th at 6:00 PM at Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School

December Meeting

In December, we will be having our Annual Holiday Social. Members are invited to bring their holiday projects to show off. Besides recent creations, we are asking that members bring a holiday treat to share.

Our New Permanent Home

The Sauk Rapids – Rice School District has kindly allowed to the CMWA to use one of their shop facilities for future meetings. We will be meeting at our new home at the Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School. The old Mississippi Heights Middle School is now an elementary school and the new middle school is in the old high school.

We will need to enter the Middle School through the back of the building. The room number is 916. See the map for more details.

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Scroll Saw Demonstration

The CMWA was privileged to host Clem Sauer of Brainerd who presented his skills on the scroll saw. Clem shared many of his projects that he has created over the years. As it is with many tools in the shop, Clem feels it is important to have quality equipment when using a scroll saw. His personal choice of saw is the DeWalt. It is certainly amazing what he is able to do with his DeWalt.



One of Clem's masterpieces is this rose covered jewelry box.



Clem demonstrates his craft at the scroll saw by making 3-dimensional figurines.



Clem created this working 'engine' with moving piston. (The secret? His wife's electric can opener.)



The detail Clem is able to achieve with his saw really stands out in this miniature grandfather clock.



Clem's scroll work of Minnesota.



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**Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM
at Sauk Rapids - Rice Middle School**

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