



In 1839, the homestead, deeded by the US to William Darwin Crane, was sold in two weeks to Norman Dyer. In 1952, Marvin and June Stowell purchase the property. Their son and his wife, James and Bonnie Stowell now own the homestead. Stowell Trucking was started by Marvin Stowell in 1947 when as many as twenty farms existed on Spring Prairie Road alone. Marvin filled the need for reliable, efficient transportation of livestock to the Milwaukee and Chicago markets. The trucking business still prospers today, serving farmers and expanding in other areas. In 1974, Stowell's Catering was created for weddings, reunions, company functions. It has become the thirty-five year lunch stand at the Activity Center at the Walworth County Fair.

In 1962, the Activity Center and Cattle Show Area was built with contributions from farmers and proceeds from auctioning their livestock.

Jim has served for twenty-six years as Chairman of the Spring Prairie Township and has seen many changes as people from Chicago and Milwaukee settle in the country. The original name *Spring Prairie* came from the many springs and the lovely prairie fields. Four population areas in Spring Prairie are Honey Creek, Honey Lake, Spring Prairie and Paradise Valley. Development of cluster communities is receiving serious consideration vs. changing the pastoral landscape with endless small parcels for homes. "We need to carefully consider our future land use, for once it has changed use, it has changed forever."

STOWELL'S TRUCKING
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