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First impression . . . erroneous.

Hordville Hoarding Only Beauty

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Hordville, Neb.—The first impression of this quiet Hamilton County community can be misleading—and conducive to inaccuracy in spelling.

Motorists on Highway 66 see only long lines of bins of Government surplus grain. This may be responsible for a fairly frequent error—reading the town sign as Hoardville.

Drivers should take a second look.

Not only do they miss the correct spelling but also one of the prettiest small towns in the state.

It's H-O-R-D-V-I-L-L-E. And behind the bins is a wide main street, beginning in a park and divided by a beautiful tree-shaded mall.

Despite bustling business, there is an air of serenity.

R. C. Gustafson, the banker in this town of 140 since 1918 and its current Mayor, is emphatic in denouncing any connection between the town's name and the Government hoarding.

"Once in a while our town gets spelled that way (Hoardville)" he said.

"It was named for Thomas B. Hord, a big cattleman in this area. He

has descendents in Central City. His operations provided the corn market and the farmers sold their corn to him. He was respected and so they named the town in honor of him."

Hordville, incidentally, is one of the youngest towns in the state. It was established in 1906.

Mayor Gustafson credits the foresight of the designer with the beauty of the town. Both Hordville and neighboring Polk were designed with similar parks and main street malls.

That was before surpluses and storage bins hid their beauty.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN W. BENSON
July 11, 1885 October 21, 1961

Services: Tuesday, October 24,
2:00 P. M., at Fridhem Lutheran
Church in Hordville

Officiating Clergy: Rev. P. Gerald
Leaf

Music: Mrs. Victor Larsen, Mr.
Lennart Johnson
"Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara"
"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Organist: Mrs. Lennart Johnson

Pallbearers: Carl Anderson, Leo
Bowlby, Floyd Johnson, Gerald
Larson, Harold Small, Richard
Veburg

Interment: Hordville Cemetery



And hides . . . main street's beauty.