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World War I Facts

- Germans were the first to use flame throwers that could fire flames up to 130 feet.
- Nearly 65 million men from 30 countries fought; nearly 10 million died.
- Approximately 66% of men died in battle; in previous wars most men died of disease.
- German soldiers shot 150 civilians at Aerschot to prevent rebellion.
- British "male" tanks had cannons; British "female" tanks had machine guns.
- "Little Willie" the first prototype tank could carry 3 men and move at 3 mph.
- Explosions at Messines, Belgium could be heard in London—140 miles away.
- The "Pool of Peace", a crater lake 40 ft deep, was formed from the detonation of 45 tons of explosives.

COMING EVENTS

NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Readers,

I want to express my sincere apologies for the delay in the sending of this newsletter and this years annual review. It is completely on me for the delay of the publications that you enjoy so much because I have gotten behind in some of my tasks. I am giving you my promise that you will receive your publications in a timely manner going forward. I thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Tanya Demmel

Museum Coordinator and Newsletter Editor

WHAT AM I?



See answer on page 5

Scholarship Winners

The 2017 winners of the Frymoyer Scholarships are:

Tess Kerkhof, Wilton
Kailee Meyer, Tipton
Sara Smith, Tipton Bible
Catherine Ralfs, Durant
Marie Morningstar, Lisbon

2017 SPORTS WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Royce Alger—Wrestling

Lauren "Bumps" Willert—Auto Racing and
Stunt Performance

Linda Jennings—Basketball and Softball

Todd Sturdy—Football and Coaching

Taking Cover

This year we added a large party tent to our venue options. This structure will be available for CCHS programming and to rent on site for your gathering needs, such as family reunions, graduations, or receptions to name a few, starting in late spring through early fall.

Several people helped with the assembly of the tent this year including Bruce Barnhardt, and his son Jacob and Jacob's friends Cole and Jacob. Mike Boyle and Mike Bixler were there too helping to solve the puzzle we had in assembling the tent. But as you can see in this picture it would have all blown away if it hadn't been for Shirley Gaedekmann holding it down. Thank you to everyone who helped put it together and then take it down again this fall. See you next Spring!



Veterinary Clinic

In our last news letter we talked about the generous donation of Dr. Speers veterinary office components to the Cedar County Historical Society. We have been working hard to get plans in place for this new addition to our Prairie Village. We will be constructing a two room building. One room we will be replicating Dr. Speer's clinic and in the other we will be sharing the history of Veterinary Medicine in Cedar County and to some extent Iowa as our local Veterinarian's have impacted how veterinarians learn and practice. We were able to secure a portion of our funding from Humanities Iowa earlier this year in addition to the generous donations that have already been made. This puts us at 2/3 of the funding needed to start construction. We need an additional \$13,000-\$14,000 dollars to cover the cost of building the new structure. If you are interested in contributing to this great historic treasure please contact Tanya at the museum or Sandy Harmel. Please note that gifts can now be made electronically through our website.

We are also looking for any photos of our country vets in action. Please share any photos you have of veterinarians at work—copies are great too.

New Members

Joanna Boddicker
Matt Boddicker
Steve DeForest
Terrye Wiggins
Sue Carter
Kenneth Brown
Randy Barnett
Jam and Sally Bryan
Doug and Mary Morningstar
Christine Petersen
Rick Scott
Marlene Wiedenhoff

In Memoriam

Bob Whitlach
Evelyn Lacey
John Hinkhouse

Congratulations to:

Rick Scott

and

Marlene Wiedenhoff

Our 2 winners from this
years Iowa Museum
Week membership
drawing in June.

Times are Changing

In the Tipton Conservative in April of 1917 there was a stronger shift toward war preparation than there had been before as can be noted in these articles from the April 18, and April 25 editions of the paper. *Please note I attempt to reproduce these as they appeared in their original form including punctuation, spelling, and grammar.*

Patriotic Meeting at Stanwood. (Tipton Conservative April 18, 1917)

There was a numerously attended patriotic meeting at Stanwood Friday evening which Rev. H. E. Andrews of Tipton made the principal address and all the local ministers took part. The Tipton pastor, whose patriotic fervor is well known wherever his acquaintance extends, as usual, gave an interesting and enthusiastic talk, and the other speeches while shorter, breathed true loyalty and devotion to country.

Recruiting for Machine Gun Co. Progresses. (Tipton Conservative April 18, 1917)

Nine more recruits from Anamosa and Wyoming have been secured and forwarded to Des Moines, making a total of 42 and increasing the roster to 60 in all. This puts the company in good shape numerically and insures a full war time complement within the next few days.

Mechanicsville Holds Patriotic Meeting. (Tipton Conservative April 18, 1917)

Mechanicsville, Iowa, April 17 – Mechanicsville held a patriotic meeting at the opera house Friday evening it was a "capacity house". The program consisted of patriotic music by the band and songs by the audience, short talks by the Rev. Father Gaffney, the Rev. Mr. Albright, the Rev. Mr. Baker, Captain Brooks of the artillery and Sergeant Headburg of Company D. The main address of the evening was given by the Rev. S.V. Williams, of Olin. This was the first meeting of this character held here, but in all probably will not be the last. Seated on the platform with the speakers were the members of the local G.A.R.

Let's All Show Respect for the Flag (Tipton Conservative April 25, 1917)

If a Scout tells you that you are not treating your flag with proper respect, don't get peeved but tell him "thanks." The Scout is loyal to his country and loves his flag. He has made himself familiar with the forms of respect due the flag and will do all within his power to increase respect for it.

Never leave your flag out over night. It should be taken in before sun set and put out after sun rise. Don't let it touch the ground. Never use your flag for a table cover, nor in any way in any place where anything may be laid upon it. Never drape your flag against a wall or balcony. It should be suspended in mid air. When used as a banner suspended across a street or a room the blue field should always be to the north or to the east.

It is a grand old flag and is well worth these little courtesies.

Big Day in Tipton May 1st. (Tipton Conservative April 25, 1917)

Plans are being made for a grand patriotic rally at Tipton on the first of May, to which the people of the surrounding towns and country will be invited. It is expected that the big university band from Iowa city will lead the parade and enliven the occasion with many patriotic selections. Speakers of ability and wide acquaintance will deliver addresses and a generally entertaining program be presented. Another meeting of the directors and officers of the Community club will be held this week or the first of next and final arrangements made for the demonstration.

Going to the Front (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

Mechanicsville and Stanwood are to be represented in the U.S. Navy by three patriotic young men each, and the people of Cedar county generally will join in congratulations and good wishes on this honorable distinction. Howard Hill and Echo and Vard Gray have gone out from Mechanicsville and Victor Grant, Andrew Cruse and Guy Eichelberger from Stanwood. The young men are now at the naval training station at Chicago, and a few weeks later will be ready for duty on one of Uncle Sam's great fighting ships, where the opportunity for performing efficient service and winning honorable recognition are particularly promising.

West Branch Boys Enlist. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

During the past week several West Branch boys have enlisted in the Iowa National Guard at Iowa City. In Company A Engineers those enlisting were John Gerlits, Clarence Phillips and Walter Phipps and Dewey Linn in Troop C First Iowa Cavalry.

Criminals Not Wanted in the Army. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

The Cedar Rapids toughs who tore down the American flag from the porches of citizen, and finding themselves in the grasp of federal officials consented to enlist in order to escape punishment, have been very properly rejected by the recruiting officer on the ground that no one who deliberately desecrates the flag could be depended upon to fight in its defense. Permission to serve the country as punishment for crime is an outrage upon patriotism and a disgrace to every decent man in the army.

Red Cross Meeting. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

A meeting will be held at the court house this (Wednesday) evening to take action in the organization of a county Red Cross association to cooperate with the national organization and assist in promoting the good cause. Major Robbins and Mr. Warriner of Cedar Rapids have promised to be present and deliver addresses as well as local speakers and musicians to take part. Everybody who can do so should attend and contribute their mite to this patriotic movement, which is plenty big enough to provide work for all.

Patriotic Demonstration Not Yet Decided Upon. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

Arrangements for the proposed patriotic demonstration here have not progressed as rapidly as anticipated and the date has not been definitely fixed yet. Some difficulty seems to have been encountered in securing the University band at as early a date as desired and the management has not indicated just when they can come.

French and English Commissioners Arrive. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

Representatives of England and France have arrived in this county for consultation over war plans and are now in Washington conferring with the administration. The understanding is that the allies are not so much in need of men as supplies and declare their ability to conduct the war to a successful conclusion if furnished with food and funds.

Kaiser's Forces Falling Back. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

The fighting between the Germans and British is being conducted with increased vigor and determination and is characterized by correspondents as the fiercest of the war. Results lately have been favorable to the allies, who have succeeded in capturing considerable territory as well as prisoners and munitions of war. A large number of German airships have been destroyed and their subsea campaign has been less effective than formerly. While this country has not taken any active part in the conflict so far, preparation for effective naval action is going forward rapidly and is certain to be irresistible when once begun.

But Life Went On

Standard Oil Co. Blamed for High Price of Gasoline. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

The federal trade commission has reported to the senate the responsibility of the Standard Oil Co. for the high price of gasoline and recommended the reopening of the oil trust case.

Agrivated Case of Infection. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

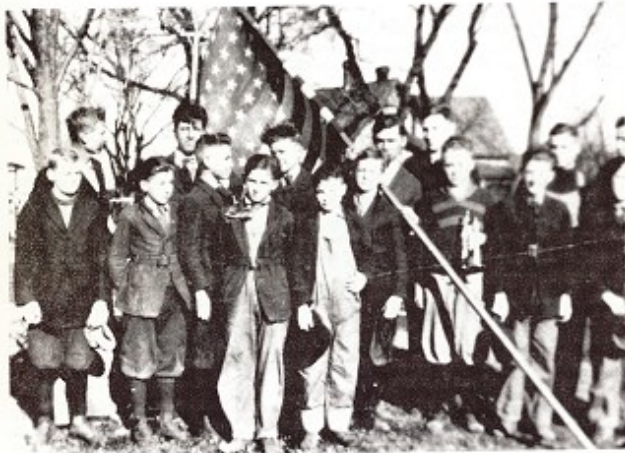
Everett Keller, a young man from Pomeroy, Ohio, who has been working on a farm near Cedar Valley, went to the University hospital at Iowa City a week ago to be treated for "ring worm" infection of the face, neck and one hand. He returned Saturday and was in Tipton yesterday considerably improved, but still wearing bandages on the affected parts.

Roscoe Nash Fractures Leg. (Tipton Conservative, April 25, 1917)

While hunting for botanical specimens near the Stone Mill Monday evening, Roscoe Nash stepped into a hole, wrenching one of his limbs so severely that the bones were broken between the knee and ankle. He was accompanied by a couple of other boys, who placed him in the car they had gone down in, and brought him home, where D. Hoffman reduced the fracture and made the patient as comfortable as possible.



Main Street of Springdale in 1914 with Robert Mather on the horse, Fred, taking grain to the mill to be ground. The building in the background housed the law office of William and Charles E. Mather. The Springdale store is to the right. Courtesy of Merlin Mather



Boy Scouts of Springdale with Scoutmaster J. E. Mather. The group is pictured in front of the home of Civil War veteran William Maxson with the large flag he displayed by hanging it over the street. Some of the boys are Tom Pendergast, Harold Eves, Mark Ridenour, Robert, Winfred and Merlin Mather and Hershel Gray. This is one of the earliest Boy Scout groups in the area. Courtesy of Merlin Mather



Springdale High School. This is the same building as the one used by the Springdale Seminary but the bell tower had been added. Courtesy of Merlin Mather

This is a continuation of a series of stories that highlight the villages and towns of Cedar County that no longer exist or are no longer incorporated. Please note I try to reproduce this as they appeared in publication including spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Springdale (Cedar County Historical Society Annual Review 1981)

The first settlement in and around the town of Springdale was made in 1850. Some of the early settlers were John H. Painter, Ann Coppic, Levi Leland, Moses Barney, Levi Fawcett and Dr. H.C. Gill.

Lumber for the first houses was hauled from Muscatine and the buildings were very primitive. Shelter for the livestock was furnished by hay or straw sheds.

The first store was opened in 1851 by Louis Schofield and Thomas Winn. The original Springdale post office was located 2 ¼ miles west of the present town, but when the store was started the post office was moved there and Mr. Will was appointed the postmaster. This store was later owned by Wilson Heald and Elias Macy.

In 1853 another store was started by Jesse Bowersock. The Cedar County History of 1878 record many other early storekeepers, for the stores changed hands frequently. In 1878 the principal business interests of Springdale were A. Raby and Co., general store; Mathers Bros., general store and drugs; Macy and Fawcett, general store; Edward Sixsmith, boots, shoes, tobacco, and cigars; M.V. Butler, flour, pumps, etc.; S.E. Thomas, furniture and undertaking; Mrs. Libbie Gill, millinery; Elzy Maxson, meat market; J. Zwickey, harness shop; Townsend, carpenter; Thomas and Son, carpenters; Henry Wesley, carpenter; Dr. H.C. Gill and Dr. H.C. Darner, physicians; Dilworth Schooley carriage works; William Mather, postmaster. Other businesses near Springdale were the Cold Spring Cheese Factory west of town and the nursery of Greenberry Wood, north of town. (Tipton Advertiser, Feb. 7, 1885)

Later, when Eves and Maxson owned a store there they sent out a wagon into the country to deliver grocery supplies. About this time Harry McCann has a blacksmith shop in Springdale.

The Springdale settlers were always interested in education. At one time there were three country schools within one mile of Springdale. The first school in the community was established by the Society of Friends in 1852 and was taught by Mahlon Oliphant. As the years went by a need was seen for a school of higher grade. In 1860 the Society of Friends "erected a brick school house in which school was commenced in 1861. It was controlled by Friends, but was open also for non-members."

In 1866 an independent school district of about 3 square miles was formed and a two story building, which was to house the Springdale Seminary, was built. In the early years this school was supported by tax funds from the district and also by contributions from the Springdale Monthly Meeting of Friends. A committee from the Monthly Meeting cooperated with the school district in selecting teachers and making rules for the school. The Monthly Meeting also held short religious services each week in the school for the students and others who wished to attend. Some years later this arrangement was declared illegal and was discontinued. However, the school had a highly moral and religious character. It was said in 1897 that nearly all the principals and teachers up until that time had been professing Christians. Many years later the school district was consolidated with the West Branch district. In 1981 school activities in Springdale were closed and the building is offered for sale.

There were two churches in Springdale, the Methodist Church on Main Street and the Friends Church in the north part of town. Sometimes these churches would hold their Christmas Eve programs together, going one year to one church and the next year to the other. One former Methodist Sunday School pupil remembers such an occasion at the Friends Church about 1910. A number presented by the Methodist group consisted of little girls in rocking chairs. Each girl had a worn out black stocking on one hand with her fingers showing through the holes. As they rocked in time to the music they sang the following song-

"We thought we'd hang our stockings
Where Santa Claus could see.
But, oh! 'Twas really shocking,
They're holey as can be.
Chorus -
Holes in our stockings will never do.
All the nice presents will tumble through.
Holes in our stockings - Santa will say,
"Nothing for careless folks today."
-Author Unknown

WHAT AM I?

This is a two cylinder air compressor donated by Dennis Taylor from his family's farm near Stanwood. The land was originally purchased by Louis and Minnie Lehrman in the 1870's. Their son Walter (grandfather of Dennis) continued farming the land. After Walter married Freida Bushing and had two daughters he thought it would be good to have running water for his family. Since there was no electricity at the time Walter designed a way for this air compressor to pump compressed air into the water storage tank in the house and then this would provide the pressure needed to have running water in the house.

amazonsmile

Did you know that Amazon will donate to your favorite 501(C)3? It is a program called amazon smile and all you need to do is go to

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

Then search for Cedar County Historical Society Tipton, Iowa and select us as your charity. Then every time you shop a small donation will be made to us. And all of those small donations add up. Happy Shopping!

Extra Extra Extra

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Please send your contributions to:

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cedarcounthistoricalociety.com

Please put "CCHS Newsletter" in the subject line.

All suggestions and feedback are welcome. Because of available space all contributions may not be immediately utilized.



It's Come a Long Way

Just take a look at the Baughman / Shrope house now. After a slow start to its restoration a new contractor, Kruse Konstruktion, has helped this pioneer house come back to life this year. We are very excited to see the siding all on, down stairs walls mostly done, doors on, ceiling downstairs done, new windows downstairs and even a replica of the original porch has been added. The outside has come a long way too, Sandy Harmel and volunteers, have scraped most of the siding and started putting on the primer. Some of you got to see it this last Prairie Day. Our goal is to have at least one coat of primer on the outside to protect the wood siding from harsh winter elements.

As you can see there is still some work needing to be done. The downstairs needs it's walls and ceiling finished and the upstairs needs to be finished as well. Once the house is done we can work on the smokehouse and get it restored too. All of this will take some more funding and some extra elbow grease. We would greatly appreciate any contribution of either. Please contact Sandy directly or Tanya at the museum if you are able and willing to assist in either.

Thank you to all who have helped it get this far and to those who will help us finish it up.

Now Taking Electronic Payments

Check out our two new ways to donate to Cedar County Historical Society on our website cedarcounthistoricalociety.com. Scroll down on the home page and you will find a PayPal donation button. You can use this to donate to CCHS or pay your membership dues. Underneath it is a link to a shopping website where you can select your favorite place to shop and the rewards you earn will be donated to CCHS.

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WANTED

Photos of country vets at work to display in the Veterinary Clinic upon its completion. We can copy your photos if you want to keep them.

Volunteers!

If you like to mingle with people, help people learn, have handyman skills, like to garden, research, organize, clean, or anything not listed we have a project for you!

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