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## World War I Facts

- Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen shot down 80 plans, the most by a single person. Unfortunately he was fighting for Germany.
- Dogs were used to deliver orders to the front lines and lay down telegraph wires.
- Big Bertha a 48 ton howitzer was used by the Germans to shoot a 2050 lb shell up to 9.3 miles.
- Tanks were initially called landships but were renamed tanks when they were disguised as water storage tanks.
- Some Americans joined the French Foreign Legion, British Army or Canadian Army because they did not agree with the United States' initial refusal to join the war.

## COMING EVENTS

### Annual Meeting

South Bethel Church  
1094 Hwy 38  
Just North of Tipton  
Saturday, December 2  
1:30 PM—2:30 PM

Program and Refreshments  
to follow.

### Holly Jolly Christmas

South Bethel Church  
1094 Hwy 38  
Just North of Tipton  
Sunday, December 3  
1:30 PM—2:30 PM

Join us for traditional and favor-  
ite holiday songs performed by  
local artists.

Punch and cookies to follow.

### WHAT AM I?



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NEWSLETTER

## THANK YOU

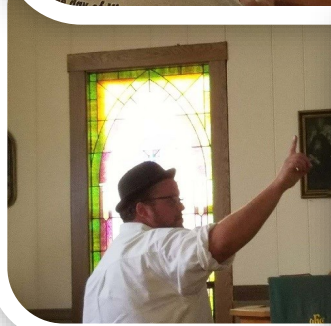
Veteran's Day will soon be upon us reminding us to take time and appreciate all of the brave men and women who fought for the rights and freedoms that we hold so dear. This year we have been focusing on remembering WWI on its 100th anniversary but we would be amiss to not take time and remember and thank those who served in Vietnam; the 50th anniversary of which also taking place now. We appreciate every veteran who has served this county and thank them and their families for the sacrifices they made but we want to send a special thank you to our Vietnam Veterans. These men and women who served their country, just as bravely and valiantly as all our veterans, did not get the warm homecoming, honors, and respect that we give our military today. To the Veteran's of Vietnam and their families we say thank you. Thank you for the sacrifices you made that many did not understand. Thank you for fighting to make the world a better place. Thank you for leading the way to peace and understanding. **Thank you for your service.**

# The Great Sunbury Heist

Directed by Hobert Flory

## SUNBURY BANK ROBBED!!

On Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1pm two shifty looking characters (Matt Wylie and Heather Techau) entered the Sunbury Bank. Moments later in a hail of gunfire they were seen leaving the bank at a great speed with a bag of money and cashier Miss Shirley Gaedelmann was heard crying for help. Luckily, they didn't get far before Sheriff Gary Heims and his trusty deputies (Miss Vitense and Bob Harmel) caught up with them and apprehended them. The Sheriff and his deputies promptly took them to court where prosecutor Ms. Kristi Peck delivered the evidence against them efficiently and eloquently. Their defense attorney Nick Calella fought hard for their rights but Judge Wells Spicer (Tom Netolicky) seemed to root out that the defense may not be all that innocent either. After all arguments were made by both sides and Judge Spicer's questions were answered he left it to the jury (the audience) to decide the fate of the accused. The jury emphatically declared the two defendants guilty as charged and they were promptly hauled off to jail. This would be marked as an immense success for justice if it wasn't for the fact that shortly after their incarceration the two robbers broke out of jail and escaped using the thick camouflage of a nearby cornfield. Currently the two remain at large and wanted posters are being printed and disbursed across the country so that justice may be served again.





# ***A DAY ON THE PRAIRIE IN PICTURES***



Fun Activities and Crafts  
for Kids of all Ages



There is Always Fun  
Music at A Day on the  
Prairie



Fun Rides in the  
Prairie Village and to  
the town square



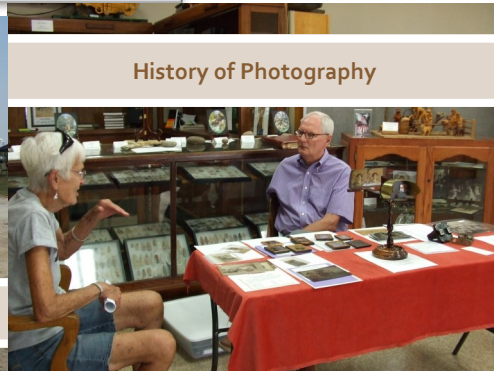


# A DAY ON THE PRAIRIE IN PICTURES

What  
Life was  
Like



Yummy Food Courtesy of the Gathering



History of Photography



Andrew Jenkins Talking Horse Sense



INTERACT Volunteers



“Modern”  
Technology

"Humanity is mad! It must be mad to do what it is doing. What a massacre. What scenes of horror and carnage! I cannot find words to translate my impressions. Hell cannot be so terrible! Men are mad!" - French Second Lieutenant Alfred Joubaire just before he died.

### Plato

(Based on material from Virginia Ruzek and Rev. Richard Anderson as printed in the 1981 Review)

The village of Plato, which was located on Nickerson Creek and on the north side of the B.C.R. and N. railroad, is shown on an 1885 map of Gower township. A plat of the village is included in the 1885 Atlas of Cedar County. It is not known how Plato got its name.

Plato came into existence because of the railroad and was mainly a shipping point for area farmers. There was a depot, section house and stockyards. Passenger trains for Cedar Rapids to Clinton stopped at Plato, Buchanan, Tipton, and Bennett in Cedar County. There was a schedule of one train each way per day; In 1933 a railroad timetable lists a train leaving Plato at 9:30 A.M. and arriving at Clinton at 3:30 P.M. The best train service at Plato occurred after the Rock Island R.R. took over the line in 1910. For a time there were four trains a day between Cedar Rapids and Mississippi river stations at Clinton and Davenport. In addition there were short line runs between Elmira and Bennett. During the depression of the 1930's service was reduced to a once-a-day mixed train of freight cars and a passenger coach. This schedule was discontinued in 1939.

Businesses in Plato included a creamery and cheese factory, two general stores, one of which included a lumber and grain business. Store owners over the years were Blatter and Baldwin, Howard and Moore, Yetter and Bashor, Holderman, Harwick, Campbell, Brennan and Jensen. There was a post office in one of the stores until 1919 when R. F.D. from West Branch took over the mail service.

Plato had a dance floor in connection with the St. Joseph's church and many entertainments were held there.

The railroad which caused Plato's creation was discontinued, but a stone arch marked 1896 across which trains passed still stands on the

Wright farm. Both stores burned down. Little is left of Plato, but in 1977 an air strip was built nearby on the Wright farm.

### Cedar County Boy Killed In Charge (Tipton Conservative May 9, 1917)

Quits College to Enlist in Canadian Battalion and Offers Up His Life on the Battle Field in France.

Edwin Andrews, a grandson of Geo. W. Cox, and son of Walter Andrews former well remembered residents of this vicinity, and nephew of Mrs. J.R. Williams of Tipton, was the first Cedar county man to give up his life in the cause of the allies, with which this country is now identified. He was born near here in 1895, and subsequently removed with his parents to Canada several years ago.

Prior to his enlistment he was living at Moosomin. The following letter written by him to a cousin three weeks prior to his death will be read with interest by friends of the family here:

Co., 43 Batt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada Div.

B. E. F. France, Sept 13 1916.

Miss Lucile Cox, Chillicothe, Mo.

Dear Cousin: It certainly has been a long time since I have been able to write to you, but I have managed to at last. I wish I could write often, but I'm either not able to get any paper or simply haven't got time, or else so tired that I couldn't keep awake long enough to write. But talk about being glad to get letters, lots of times we'd sooner see the mail come up, than our rations. I only hope that you will be able to write as often as you have been doing. Very sorry to learn of the death of your friend. I've often been glad that none of my best chums are with me here. My own best pal was badly wounded in June, but thank Heaven, I didn't know about it until he was back in England again. I don't think he will have to come back again. I've got in over three months now and think I'm pretty lucky as I'm still in as good health as when I came over. Lots of the fellows seem to think the fighting at least will be over by Xmas, but I'm not of that opinion myself. I greatly enjoyed the last few days and wish I could tell you about it, but am not allowed. Lots of the fellows don't like it, but it suited me right down to the ground. What do you see in the American papers about us. They put in some big yarns in some of the Canadian paper about us

and you would think by some of them that we are doing about half the fighting on the British front. So your father is talking of leaving Missouri. It's hard to say whether he would like Canada or not, things would be so different and there would be so much of a change. Farmers are making good money in Canada now, better times for them than has been for a long time. The worst part of it is that it's so hard to sell land there, supposing he bought and then didn't like it. You must send me some of the snaps you take. Would be glad to get them. You are not allowed to carry a camera here, I only wish I could as I could get some very interesting pictures alright. Do you have to pay postage on my letters. I can't pay it here and have often wondered if you had to pay the postage. I don't know of anything I would like better than to pay you a visit next summer or in fact any time I get back. We often say amongst ourselves when we are tired, "If we're lucky enough to get back we will take about three years' holiday and do absolutely nothing but eat and sleep." I suppose if we did that we'd make rather stupid company for anyone. I think it will take me about that long to get used to civilized habits again. I could take a mess tin, a jack knife and a blanket or overcoat and settle down comfortably now and think I had everything I needed. I suppose it will be awkward for a long time to sit up in a chair or eat at a table with a knife and fork, and as far as sleeping in a house or bed, I don't think I'll ever get used to that again after sleeping on the ground or floor for over eighteen months. I suppose I must think of closing. The things that would interest you most I am not permitted to write about. They are very strict about censoring letters just now. You will be in school again when you get this. Well don't study too hard and please don't forget to write as often as you can.

Your Cousin, E. Andrews 424515

### WHAT AM I? ANSWER

This is a door off the William Maxson House which is kept at the State Historical Society in Des Moines. William Maxson was a friend and fellow abolitionist to John Brown who stayed and visited Maxson frequently. It is at Maxson's place where Brown trained the men for the raid on Harper's Ferry.

### Now Taking Electronic Payments

Check out our two new ways to donate to Cedar County Historical Society on our website [cedarcountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://cedarcountyhistoricalsociety.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!

We will be closed Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday; Monday December 25 for the Christmas Holiday; Monday January 1, 1918 for the New Year Holiday

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