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World War I Facts

- In the 4 year span of the war German U Boats sank 6,596 ships.
- You could find furniture, water tanks with faucets and even doorbells in German trenches.
- Though France was the first to use gas (tear gas) in battle, Germans were first in using deadly chlorine gas.
- 1,200,000 soldiers on both sides were gassed, 98,198 didn't survive.
- At the end of the war many countries signed treaties outlawing chemical weapons.
- The U.S. shipped 70,000 horses and mules, 50,000 trucks, 27,000 freight cars and 1,800 locomotives to the war effort.
- Machine guns became widely used in WWI.

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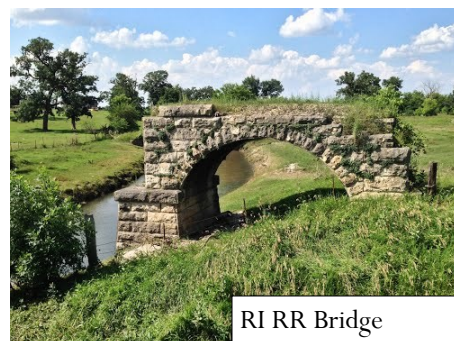
WHAT AM I?



A Corn Sizer



Buchanan Depot



RI RR Bridge



Street Scene—Buchanan



Grain Elevator

2018 A Day on the Prairie



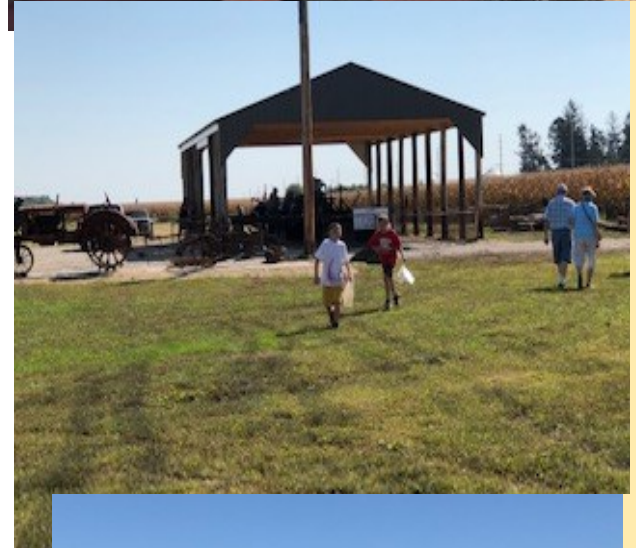
Folks could cool off in the AC while looking for the perfect memento in our store.



The Sawmill was a crowd pleaser again this year.



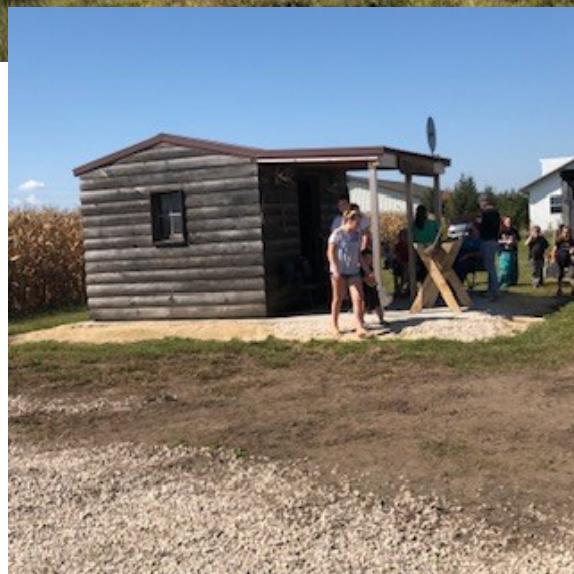
Don't be fooled by Bill Barglof resting in the shade—in addition to answer questions about his beautiful antique car he was often up showing the kids how to walk on stilts.



The new canopy to protect the sawmill from the elements.



Guess correctly what 5 gadgets are and win a free "chicken dinner".



And who could resist a chat with Sheriff Whitatch while checking out the sawyer cabin.

2018 A Day on the Prairie

The spinning wheel demonstration was very interesting to many visitors.



It was a hot day, and even hotter in the blacksmith shop.



This little gem is in the Baughman-Shrope House.



A big Thank You to Tom and Ray for sharing your knowledge with our visitors.



Always on display is this great antique tractor and plow.



A little corn shelling.

Life During 1918

This is a continuation of excerpts from the Tipton Conservative during the war years. *I try to copy them exactly as they appear including spelling, grammar and typos.*

Wounded Soldier Writes to Sister

Mrs. M. A. McMahon has just received an interesting note from her brother Roscoe Hankins, of Tipton, who was wounded at the battle of the Marne, early in June. The brother is a member of the United States Marines and has seen a great deal of service since he landed in France last October. The letter follows:

Dear Sister, Pardon me for not writing sooner, but you don't know what we have gone through. We don't have much time. I was wounded across the back in the fight which no doubt you have read about. Not serious, and am getting good treatment, but cannot go back to duty for a while. Will have plenty of time here so will write you a long letter. Think I could write several volumes on all my experiences. Don't know my hospital address yet. Will write soon.

Your loving brother, R. CC. Hankins. In a letter to his mother, he said that "they had just been giving the Huns a taste of what the Yanks could do." — West Liberty Index. (*Tipton Conservative*) July 21, 1918.

Local Boys Honored With Bronze Medal

The county agent as representative of the Department of Labor and the U.S. Boy's Working Reserve, has presented a handsome medal to each of the following boys: Roger Leech, Howard Bailey and Lee Bunker of Tipton, Elmer Myer of Stanwood and Hans Schnacht of Durant. These bronze badges are awarded by the department in recognition of efficient work on the farm for eight or more consecutive weeks. A written statement to this effect by their employer is required. This is a very creditable feature, and showing the boys to be made of the right kind of stuff and ready to do their share in the production of food, so much needed this time. (*Tipton Conservative* August 21, 1918)

Tipton Man Arrested on a Charge of Espionage

On the strength of affidavits made by three citizens of Tipton and sent to District Attorney O'Connor, and order was issued for

the arrest of P.O. Stone and Deputy Marshal Healy instructed to come down here and get him. Yesterday when the officer arrived and informed Mr. Stone of the charge filed against him he positively denied having said many of the things enumerated in the affidavits, but admitted that he might have talked too much, without any intention of creating an impression of disloyalty, however, and maintained that he was just as patriotic as any man in Cedar county. But Healy was obdurate and insisted that he would have to establish his innocence to the satisfaction of the court in order to obtain a discharge.

The remarks indulged in by Stone and substantiated by the sworn statements of three other men, were substantially to the effect that he was not a patriot and had never claimed to be. That he had no intention of fighting other people's battles and did not want his boy to go to France where he would stand a chance of having his arms shot off and return with a copper button to be a burden to his brother, who remained at home and by attending to business accumulated several thousand dollars, enabling him to wear silver buttons if he wished to.

Whatever he had said, he insisted was merely in the way of illustration of his contention, and not intended as an attempt to affect the prosecution of the war. But the evidence against him was too strong to admit of his release, and he was taken to Cedar Rapids for examination before the federal commissioner.

On arriving in Cedar Rapids and being arraigned before the federal authority, Stone was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$5,000, County Supervisors Wendell Willer and Park Walton becoming his sureties and obtaining his release until the next term of U.S. District court. (*Tipton Conservative* September 11, 1918)

A Letter From a Wounded Marine

R. C. Hankins Writes From the Hospital in France to His Parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Hankins:
Dearest Father and Mother:

Will write you again as I do not want you to worry about me. Am getting along fine and expect to be out in about two or three weeks. I was sewed up last week and the stitches were taken out this



morning. There were 15 of them and they extended from the middle of my back up across my right shoulder blade. No bones were touched when I was shot, so I got off lucky. Two other places farther down my back were burned by bullets, but they are healed up now.

We had a lively time of it in our first battle, but think we saved our name of "fist to fight". I did not get to see as much of the action as I wanted to, because I received "mine" the same day we started the attack, but saw plenty of it while I was in it. We had wheat fields and woods to advance through and could not see the enemy for quite a while, although there were signs of them retreating. But finally they made a stand, and I got mine in the woods while trying to rush a machine gun with a bunch of our fellows. The enemy opened on us with a heavy fire and several went down wounded or otherwise, while the rest of us dropped flat to the ground, and it was then that I was wounded. Don't think that because I got it in the back that I was running away. I wouldn't run from those dirty devils. Well, all the same, the boys got the gun we started after, if several got wounded in the attempt.

I guess from all reports that we are to be decorated on account of the battle. I am also rated for one of those right arm chevrons now, but on of those is sufficient. This affair won't last much longer, especially when the Yanks get going, we'll run the whole bloody bunch into the sea.

Well, I must close for this time, as they are going around with supper. Don't worry about me now. With love to both, your affectionate son, R.C. Hankins, 82 Company, Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines. (*Tipton Conservative* August 7, 1918)

But Still a Hamlet – Buchanan

By Donald Stout From the 1981 CCHS Review. I try to keep articles as they first appeared in text, grammar and spelling.

In 1885 Buchanan was open farming country, with only one house in the near vicinity. In early May, 1886, Alex Buchanan purchased the bulk of the future hamlet's area from Charles and John Pfaff, John Laubscher and wife.

Formal opening of the Buchanan station on the B.C. R. and N. Railroad was May 12, 1887 with Will Sharp as depot agent. William Walters had been the pioneer of the area, purchasing government land in April, 1842. Once the hamlet was officially established, after surveying and platting by John Zuck in May, 1886, people began to move in. Tiny businesses and stores opened up, a grocery or General store first followed by others. Frank Baldwin, in 1888 bought the Buchanan store and Will Emrich in January 1891 opened a hardware and implement store.

A grain elevator rose around 1900, followed by a lumber company with a warehouse. An Englishman, fresh from home, opened a blacksmith shop in December 1890. C.L. Hoy opened a barber shop in May, 1904. C.B. Stout remodeled the Buchanan Hotel in May, 1900 and formally reopened with a dance. A livery stable was operated in conjunction with the hotel. W.W. Copenhagen ran the meat market in 1907 and in that year installed a new fancy refrigerator. The John Woods grocery store and general merchandise store was destroyed by fire in 1907. Ray Stout opened a general store I December, 1912. The Walters general store burned down in 1923. Charles Dolge ran a general store from approximately 1920 to 1940.

The Buchanan Livestock Shipping Assn. was organized on May 6, 1932 with Lee Anderson as manager. This was to promote the shipment of stock through the Buchanan stockyards. The writer re-

members getting up at 3 a.m. in the summer time to drive a bunch of market hogs to the stockyards before the sun caused a heat problem.

Cass No. 5 was the town school and you could say that Woodbridge was the town cemetery. The Union Church was dedicated October 17, 1897 and was debt free. After standing idle for many years the ground and building were sold at auction in April 1970 and the church was demolished. The post office was established in 1866 and closed in February 1943, the last site was in Dolge's general store.

When Mrs. John Pfaff died in November, 1939, her will bequeathed the 220 acre "home farm" just south of Buchanan to a board of trustees to establish and operate an orphans' home thereon. There was a five year time limit to put this bequest into a viable condition. Mrs. Pfaff was expecting considerable financial support from the area to rally to this project, however this anticipated support failed to develop. At the end of 5 years the remainder of the estate passed to the secondary legatees.

The Rock Island track between the Cedar River bridge and Tipton was being taken up in the summer of 1940 and there went Buchanan's rail service. The last general store was operated by Lloyd Meyer. He had purchased the business from the Charles Dolge estate in 1946 and he closed the store in the spring of 1960. Leo and Sharon Ford currently own the site. Through the years Buchanan had been a trading center for a small surrounding area. In the village you could purchase coal, lumber, grain and commercial feed, a wide range of groceries, considerable hardware and many of the items of everyday living. Eggs were brought and exchanged for food or other items. The store was a meeting place for the men of the vicinity during winter days and evenings throughout the year. The ladies of the vicinity were usually members of the Buchanan Ladies Aid when this was viable. The Kings Daughters also drew numerous members.

Now the small hamlet sits quietly

dreaming of its heydays in the past. There is one new home owned by the Carl Bair family. Altogether in 1980 there were 14 houses in the village. A house trailer occupies the old hotel site. There are several house trailers with additions attached, plus a number of sheds of various sizes and usage. The old Laubscher home on the east edge of Buchanan, just south of the church site, has been well maintained through the years and rests serenely in its fresh coat of white. Frank Laubscher, who died in 1959, uncle of Eloise and Margery Laubscher, was the last family member to reside there.

Currently there are two businesses; Weaver's Farm Drainage and Ohrt's Small Engines. The elevator, flanked by a house trailer, is owned by Bob Schott and is used for storing grain. A building bearing the sign "Universal Tinker Shop" rests near the center of the village. The store building is gone but the living quarters on the east and the storage garage on the west still stand.

The most successful people are those who do all year long what they would otherwise do on their summer vacation.

Mark Twain

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