

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

Nov-Dec 2022

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Looking Back—Cedarville Players

Following a very successful Minstrel Show in the summer of 1948, which included a production of Indian and Early Settler Activities, a party was held in the Cedarville Community House for the Minstrel Cast. It was at this party that it was decided that the cast would like to organize a group to perform a series of plays for the benefit of the community.

The Cedarville Players were established on Oct 2nd, 1948 with a roster of 50 members. Members of this group would either have roles on stage or would play equally important roles in the production and support staff. An election was held resulting in its first officer roster of, Kay Frank, President, Laurel Hutchison, Vice President, Arlene Erickson, Treasurer and Lorraine Fry, Secretary.

It was decided that the first play would be a farce to be performed on October 14th and 15th titled Bolts and Nuts. Kay Frank was slated as the director of this first production. Members of the cast were (how many of you recognize these names): Frances Wolfe, Corinne Fink, Marion Kaiser, Gladys Gift, Lewis Frank, Clyde Kaiser, Nile Smith, Chris Bertram, Peggy Schoonhoven, Roy Dawes, Henrietta Brubaker, Gene Reed, and Paul Ilgen.

There were four committees established to support the production, including:

Properties—Lorraine Fry, Laurel Hutchison, Arlene Erickson, Wilbur Hermann

Stage—Merle Kaiser, Virgil Fry, Karl Erickson, Paul Kryder

Tickets—Frances Ewing, Flossie Bear

Advertising—Glenn Hutchison, Don Brubaker

I am happy to report that the cast played to a capacity crowd on Thursday and Friday, and was so well received that a Saturday performance was added. Word has it that each performer was “exceptionally good in their part, making it an All Star Cast” (as reported by the organizations secretary). There were subsequent plays that were produced with different cast members and support teams. We will share other productions in future issues. In the meantime, enjoy a photo of some of the cast members from Nuts and Bolts on the following page.

BOLTS and NUTS

A Three Act Comedy

Presented By

THE CEDARVILLE PLAYERS

THE CAST

Bonita Bolt - - - - -	Frances Wolfe
Lutie Spinks - - - - -	Corinne Fink
Rebecca Bolt - - - - -	Marion Kaiser
Martha Grubb - - - - -	Gladys Gift
Twink Starr - - - - -	Lewis Frank
Dr. Hippocrates Joy - - - - -	Clyde Kaiser
Henry Goober - - - - -	Nile Smith
Phineas Plunkett - - - - -	Chris Bertram
Prunella Figg - - - - -	Peggy Schoonhoven
Cadwalleder Clippy - - - - -	Roy Dawes
Gertie Glossop - - - - -	Henrietta Brubaker
Wilbur Glossop - - - - -	Gene Reed
Jack Gordon - - - - -	Paul Ilgen

Time - Late spring

Place - A health resort some place in Missouri

SYNOPSIS OF ACTS

Act I - Living room at the Bolt Mansion, about 11 o'clock of a late spring morning

Act II - The same as Act I, several hours later.

Act III - The same as in previous acts, a few moments later.

Director - Kay Frank

COMMITTEES

Properties - Lorraine Fry, Laurel Hutchison, Arlene Erickson, Wilbur Hermann

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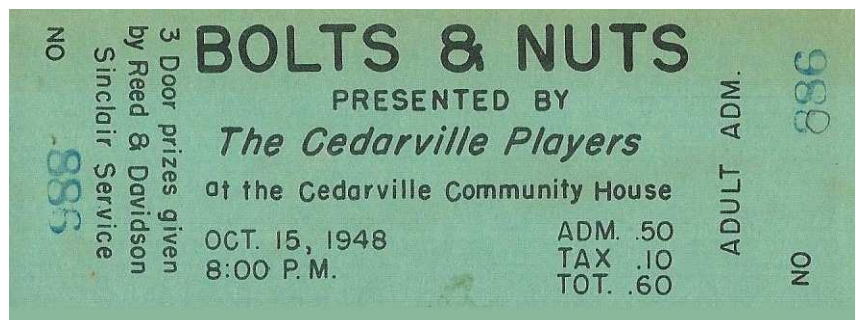
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The proceeds of this production will be used for the operation and repair of the Cedarville Community House. Anyone living in Cedarville or vicinity may become a member of The Cedarville Players. See Kay Frank, Lorraine Fry, Laurel Hutchison or Arlene Erickson.

This is the first of several plays to be presented by The Cedarville Players during the coming months. Your presence this evening is appreciated and we hope you are enjoying this evening's production. We need a larger membership for the future.

Above- Program handed out at the performance

Right: Adult ticket for performance. .60 cents (wow look at that 20% tax)





Far left, Clyde Kaiser, 2nd from left is Gene Reed and 3rd from left is Chris Bertram.

Please let us know if you recognize the other two people.
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Hard to believe that the year is almost over and that we are already thinking of next years plans. In the works:

- Chili Luncheon in February
- Memorial Day Parade/Picnic in May
- New museum display and modifications to a few existing displays
- Outdoor Summer Movies, public domain movies in June and July (Schedule tbd)
- Historic Programs focused on celebrating Cedarville and the community
- We are looking for the following items: Mannequins and Cedarville School Memorabilia. If you have any of these and would be like to bequeath to the society or let us borrow them we would certainly appreciate it. Contact: Wendybade@aol.com or 224-639-3436

With the increase in Covid and Flu cases we made the tough decision to cancel this years Holiday Program. We want everyone healthy for their holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2023. The Cedarville Area Historical Society board wishes you and yours a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

We thank you for your generosity, membership and ongoing support throughout 2022. We invite you to extend an invitation to your friends and neighbors to join the Historical Society. 2023 promises to be a great community focused year. Membership information is available at: www.cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

Cedarville Area Historical Society

1212 S. Stewart Ave, Freeport IL 61032

Postage

Return Service Requested

Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)

Museum is always available by appointment, call to Schedule a mutually agreeable time

We welcome Group Tours

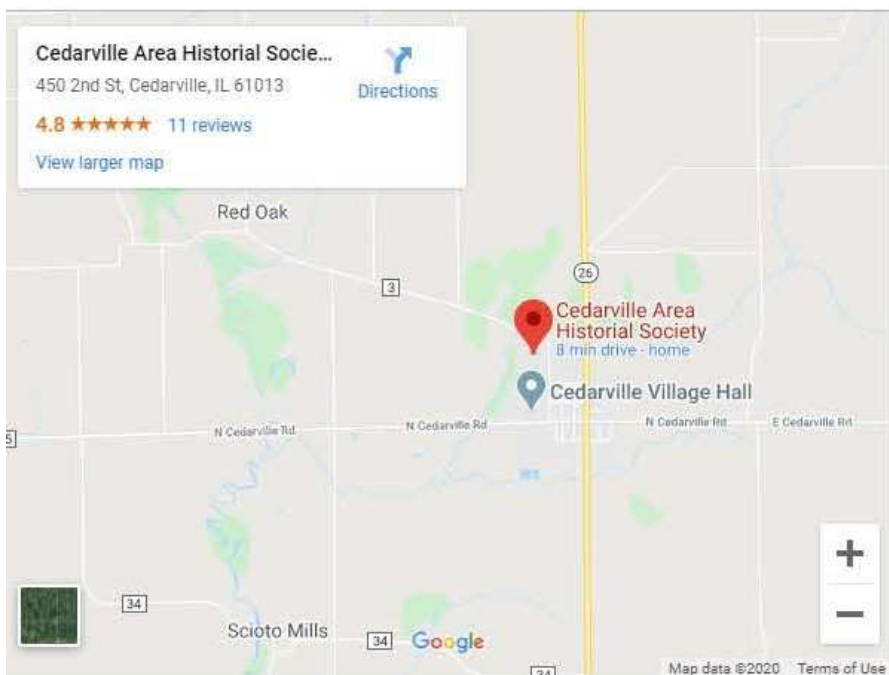
Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

**Call or text 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve or email
info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org**

We Would Love to Share Your Stories

Email us your stories or anecdotes about Cedarville or the Cedarville area. We will present them in following newsletters. Email them to info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org

Membership renewals are in the mail. We look forward to receiving your renewal and thank you for your support!



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