

Host Dave Huber collects from satisfied customer.



Society Sale Scores Big

The July 23 Cedarville Historical Society sale of donated items was very successful. Hosted by Carmel and Dave Huber, society members, sales are expected to top several hundred dollars.

Do I absolutely want that vase?



There's just so much to choose from!



Hostess Carmel Huber chats with historical society sale customer.

Carole Bertram Piano CD Available

For all those who attended (or could not attend) the Carole Bertram piano program of 1890 to 1910 popular songs, the hour-long CD is available!!!

It is a last-minute, on-site recording with a few flaws, but it definitely is

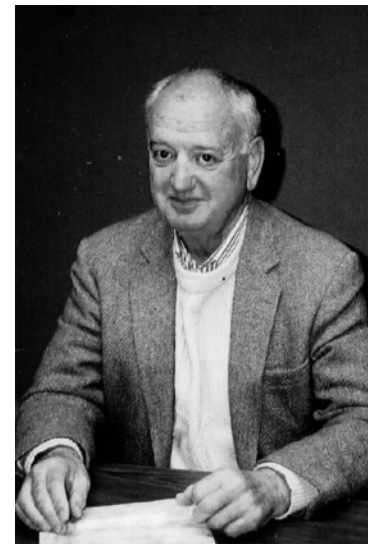
something you will want in your collection as a piece of Cedarville history.

For copies of the \$12 CD call Jim Bade, historical society president, at 815-563-4485. All proceeds go to the historical society.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



Paul Fry

Paul Fry to Speak On J. Addams Niece

Paul Fry, Cedarville resident and authority on the Jane Addams family, will speak Tuesday, August 16, at the Cedarville Museum in the 1889 school on top of the Second Street hill.

Fry's 7:30 p.m. talk will focus on the life of Marcet Haldeman-Julius, niece of Jane Addams. The program is sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society. Tickets are \$2 for historical society members and \$3 for non-members. The 50 available tickets can be obtained by calling Jim Bade, historical society president at 815-563-4485.

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Volunteers Begin Landscape Work

Several members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society have volunteered to help in the restoration of the ground around the new museum.

Current projects include removing the old sidewalk, moving the playground equipment to a different area and installing a wood fence along the east border of the property. More volunteers are needed. Contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or bbade@ix.netcom.com to add your

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Steve Myers, top, and Judy Corrie, middle, remove old concrete sidewalk at 1889 school site. Harlan Corrie, bottom, installs new museum sign on building.



Cedar Creek Then



good fire. Dex Knowlton had a big iron kettle at his house. We hung the kettle on poles over the fire and got it boiling. I got Bill Barker and Bob Wolfe to go with me. My grandpa was a truck farmer and we raised acres of sweet corn. I had to have it all summer so I knew where the ripe stuff was. We would pick dozens of ears, but I told them, "Don't pick it clean. I don't want grandpa to catch on."

We all would chip in five or ten cents and Dex would go to Bears grocery. Butter was just 50 cents a pound or less.

We swam while the corn was boiling. The pound of butter was opened and we rolled the corn in the butter. There's nothing better than eating fresh buttered corn on the cob in your birthday suit. Your face and hands got greasy. After each ear we would jump into the water, rinse off, get out and eat another ear.

That was our swimming hole seventy years ago. There was much more growth around the swimming hole in those days. Now it is all neatly mowed and not as private as I experienced back then.

Sometimes I get a yearning to try sweet corn at night at the old swimming hole. If anyone wants to join me, you bring the butter.

Let's Take a Dip in LeRoy's Cedarville Swimming Hole

By LeRoy Wilson

Seventy years ago Cedarville had a swimming pool. It was called Cedar Creek.

Over the years the location of the pool changed from time to time but we usually returned to our favorite hole. The spot I remember best was on the sharp curve north of the bridge. This spot is right below Goodspeed's house and just west of the Addams homestead.

We were always improving the swimming hole. First we carried rocks and sod to the first shallow spot downstream. This formed a pretty good dam and we could usually get a foot or two more depth.

Another favorite trick was to dig holes in various spots in the pool. Usually we dug these where the water was about two feet deep. We dug the holes two feet deeper. The idea was to booby trap the small kids just learning how to swim. They got into the shallow water and started walking around. Suddenly they would step in the dug out drop off and go over their heads. The look on th

their faces when we pulled them out was priceless. Some of you probably think this was terrible, but it was part of the ritual. I remember when it happened to me. I wanted to kill.

The water of Cedar Creek was like it is today: Not too clear. Playing tag was great fun if you could hold your breath and swim under water for a good distance because then you were hard to find.

If you stood too long in one spot in the mud, you might encounter blood suckers. You got used to these, but I still hate them.

Most of the time we skinny dipped, but there were those girls who would show up and keep us in the water. Then we would have someone throw us our undershorts so we could get out. The girls knew better than to stick around long after a few of us got out. We had been known to throw a few of them for a good dunking.

I think my favorite time at the swimming hole was at night. During the day we gathered a supply of wood for a g

Fry to Talk on Addams Niece

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Marcet, the daughter of Sarah Alice Addams and her stepbrother Henry Haldeman, was born in 1887 and died in 1941. During her life she was an actress, writer and bank president. Her husband was Emanuel Julius, publisher of the highly successful Little Blue Books, the inexpensive paperbacks of that time.

Several items illustrating Marcet's life will also be on exhibit before and after the talk.

Paul Fry is very familiar with the Addams family. His Aunt Mary Fry lived in the Addams homestead and with various members of the family from the time she was orphaned at the age of 11 until near her death in 1952 at the age of 75. She is buried in the Cedarville Cemetery.

Several years ago Fry authored the biography of his aunt. Titled "Generous Spirit: The Life of Mary Fry", the book with many references to Marcet has been republished by the Cedarville Area Historical Society. The 114-page book will be on sale at the talk at a special price of \$19 and it will be signed by the author.

In his autobiographical note in the book, Fry writes: "My first 20 years were spent in a southeast Iowa town where my father was a country doctor and my mother was wife, mother and nurse/receptionist. In addition to three brothers and two sisters, the family included part of each year, beloved Aunt Mary Fry.

"Through Aunt Mary came an interest in the history of family which spans four generations in Cedarville history."

Fry recently moved from Washington, D.C. to Cedarville.



Marcet in her early twenties



*Capacity Crowd Hears
Carole Bertram Perform
1890 – 1910 Pop Songs*

