



The house on West Cedarville Road was gutted by fire in 2008. This is how it looks today.

Mau) was issued a franchise to furnish electricity for the village. A generator run by a large stationary gasoline engine was installed in the old Globe Hall. [an abandoned church on Harrison Street] The engine and generator were run by Nelson Staas and also at a time by Hiram Kryder. Electricity was available only when the engine was running, usually from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. In later years the equipment was sold to Illinois Northern Utilities.

Later our family moved to Red Oak and later to a farm just west of Richland Creek on the Cedarville-Lena Road. There my wife and I farmed, but in 1933 I began operating a feed mill on the corner where the Reed Service Station now stands. I ground feed for farmers, mixed grains, added supplements and soon the

business was known as Lied's Feeds. One feed sold was Lied's All Round Mash. Among the men who worked with me were Charles Kryder, Logan Kahly, Charles Hirsbrunner and Clare Miller. In 1937 we moved our location to the south end of Cedarville. In 1946 my son-in-law joined me in the business, which continued until 1964, when we closed.

While in the feed business I also began dealing in sectional or pre-fabricated homes, corn cribs, grain bins and sheds. These were among the first "ready-cuts" and my buildings came from the Economy Portable House Co. of West Chicago. Cyrus Kryder and Henry Sills, as well as several others from Cedarville, helped assemble the ready cuts. Also, in 1948, I began handling travel trailers which developed rapidly as trailers became popular.

Many interesting events have been happening in Cedarville since my first coming there with my parents in the early 1900s.

Thanks Darrell Baker

The Cedarville Area Historical Society wants to thank Cedarville's Darrell Baker for his help in fashioning new molding for the restoration being done on the second floor north room of the Cedarville Museum.

The millwork done by Baker will replace pieces that were lost when earlier restoration of the room was attempted.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



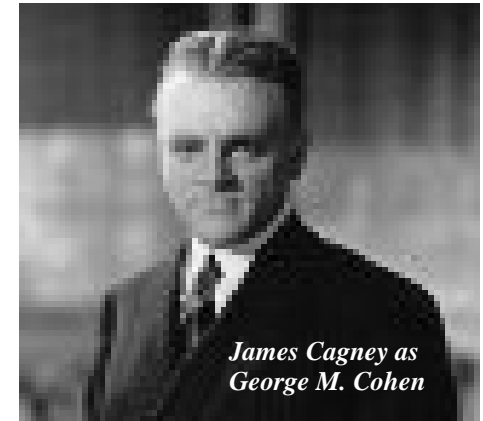
James Cagney Classic Opens July Museum Free Friday Night Films

James Cagney, in his 1942 role as the song and dance man George M. Cohen, will star in "Yankee Doodle Dandy", the July 3 free Friday night outdoor movie at the Cedarville Museum. The Cagney classic is part of the series of weekly movies from the 1930s through the 1960s being presented this summer by the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

The films are projected starting at dusk on a large screen that is mounted on the north outside wall of the museum which is at the top of the Second Street hill in the village. The movies have been selected to appeal to all age groups.

The audience is invited to sit on the grass or bring lawn chairs. Popcorn, soft drinks, candy and chips are available at 1940's prices. In the event of rain, a cancellation notice will be posted at the intersection of Second and Mill streets.

The rest of the July schedule: July 10, "Hans Christian Anderson" with Danny

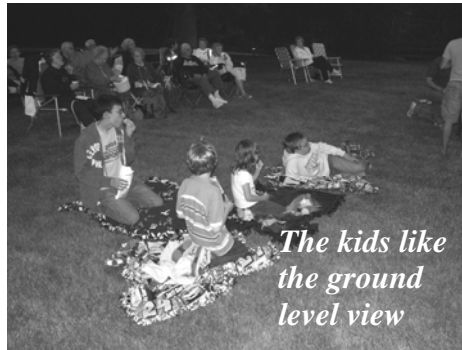


James Cagney as George M. Cohen

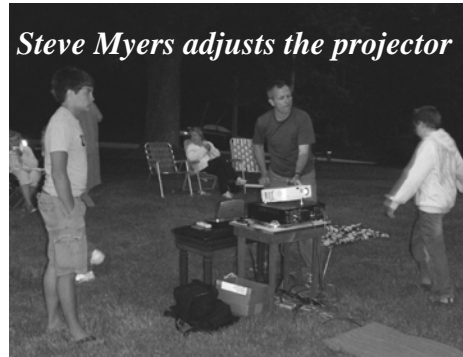
Kaye; July 17, "My Man Godfrey" with William Powell and Carole Lombard; July 24, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" with Howard Keel and Jane Powell; July 31, "Duck Soup", the Marx brothers.

Rain forced the cancellation of "You Can't Take It With You" with Jimmy Stewart and Jean Arthur. It is possible the film may be rescheduled in August.

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The kids like the ground level view



Steve Myers adjusts the projector



Four sheets



The early people get the front row



Pop, pop, pop

It's Opening Night At the Museum Movies



Plenty of snacks for the hungry



The Cedarville Road house once lived in by the Lieds as it looked from the road in 2006.

creamery and I often would go after buttermilk for pancakes. When Roy Cromley worked there, he would make wooden skies for the children.

My father had only one horse and when we needed another to make a team, we would borrow one from [the family of] John Addams. We used to drive horses to Freeport and often we would see Lincoln (Link) Pfeiffer on the road. When our horse jogged we would pass the walking Link, but when our horse walked, Link would pass us. He was known to be one of the fastest walking men of the area.

One of our games at school was “pump, pump, pullaway,” and when Howard Epley was janitor, he would play with us. We thought this great fun. We almost always stopped at the old Richart store on the northwest corner of the street going to the school to look at the candy.

This was run by Henry and Alma Richart and also by Grace, daughter of Henry. The post office was here also.

Another of our winter sports was hooking on to the bobsleds with our sleds. Turner Clingman was our favorite for this sport as he would allow us to “hook on” with our hands holding to the bob sled runner or frame while lying on our sleds. In turn some one behind us would hook on to us and sometimes there would be a whole line of sleds behind the pulling team and bobsled. Turner Clingman would tolerate us, but many of the other drivers would lick their horses to a speed where we could not hook on the the fast moving bobsled.

In those days, we also had bus service from Cedarville to Red Oak for passengers and for delivery of the mail to and from the train at Red Oak. This was a covered wagon, or hack, with a row of benches, one on each side, with passengers facing each other. Oscar Fink operated this for many years.

We attended the Evangelical Church and I remember Billy Fehr there who would shout “Amen” when he agreed with the minister. My brother was janitor for the church and he would have to get up very early to get the wood fire going to get the church warm for service time.

At a later time, in the period shortly after 1915, Homer B. Ash (father of Mary Ash

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Memories of the Late Frank Lied

(Frank Lied of Cedarville died in 1978 at the age of 78. Sometime between 1964 and the time of his death, he recorded his early memories of the village and its residents. He is buried in the Cedarville Cemetery. Editor's notes in brackets [])

My parents, Daniel and Kate Lied, lived at 30 W. Oak St., Cedarville, for a number of years. When I was a small boy, I delivered strawberries which we raised on the seven acres we owned at that corner to the home of Jane Addams. I remember that often [the second] Mrs. John Addams would say they didn't want any, but Miss Mary Fry [maiden aunt of Cedarville's Paul Fry] would say that I



Frank Lied said he once lived at 3120 W. Cedarville Rd. The house was on north side of road just west of Richland Creek. Couple has been identified as Kate and Daniel Lied, Frank's parents.

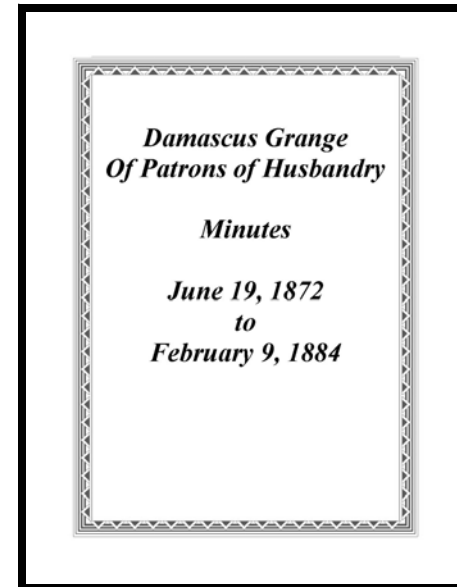
should come on in and then she'd say "we'll take some". I can remember playing hide and seek in the old mill where it originally stood with the other boys.

I remember going to the old Cedarville School [now the Cedarville museum]. Some of my teachers in those days were Miss Salima Rutter, Miss Edna Moses and Miss Helen Barber. There were eleven in my class at that time, as I recall. Ten girls and myself. There girls were Ermina Phillips (Kaiser), Irene Kahly (Neberman), Jessie Law, Esther Kryder, Leila Strohm (DeZell), Ruth Fackler, Miriam Fackler [the last two probably daughters of the principal], Goldie Pepperman (Schrack), Vida Soliday and Frances Ermold. I had attended school for a short time at Bellview before coming to Cedarville.

In the winter we skated on the creek at noon and I remember that when we came back in school we would leave our skates on so we were ready at recess.

I well remember Harry Rutter making ice cream for the John Bollman store (now Perdue's). He would do this east of the building [on Cherry Street between Harrison and Rt. 26] and a group of us kids would be waiting around to buy some.

A man named Bartholemew ran the



First Minute Book Of Grange Available

A printed copy of the minutes of the first twelve years of the Damascus Grange is now available from the Cedarville Area Historical Society. The cost is \$18.

The book contains enhanced reproductions of the 150 pages of minutes covering the time period June 19, 1872 through February 9, 1884. Dozens of early residents of the Damascus area are mentioned in the pages.

The Grange was a national rural social and political movement that started in 1867. Many local units still exist in the U.S. but not in Stephenson County.

Historical Society Coming Events

Friday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. Listen to the accordion music of Bobbie Edler and banjo of Jerry Hastings at the museum.

Friday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Tales of yesterday from Scioto Mills, Red Oak, Buena Vista at the museum.

Admission for these two is \$2 for society members and \$3 for non-members.

Saturday, September 19. Jane Addams Festival with early morning 5K run/walk on Jane Addams Trail, games and picnic lunch at museum starting at 11 a.m.

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Historical Society Acquires Five New Items for Research Center

*By Jim Bade, president
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The lifeblood of an historical society is its collection of reliable research material. The more you have, the better you can tell the story of the past.

Within the past two months, five persons have made their historical material available to the Cedarville Area Historical Society. The artifacts have come as gifts,



Janet Kaiser compares faded Civil War diary of great grandfather with computer enhanced version.

loans or purchases.

Janet Kaiser, Scioto Mills, wife of Norman Kaiser, permitted the society to scan, enhance and digitize the ninety-nine page Civil War diary of her great grandfather Henry Sanburn of the 77th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. In exchange the society presented Mrs. Kaiser with a printed copy of the enhancement and two CDs containing the diary.

Marian Fransen, Cedarville, loaned the society her large book of photographs and documents pertaining to several families of Red Oak and Buena Vista. Included in the book was a great deal of information on the Meyers families and a dozen Civil War letters written by William Snook who lived with his family on McConnell Road in Buena Vista from 1883 to 1896. This material was scanned and digitized for archiving.

Moira Knowlton, Cedarville, donated two letters written in 1869 and 1871 by Anna Addams, the second wife of John Addams, to her stepdaughter Alice when the girl was a student at Rockford Female Seminary. The letters are filled with friendly, motherly advice, a tone far different from the one Anna took several years later when she learned that Alice planned to marry her stepmother's son Henry Haldeman.

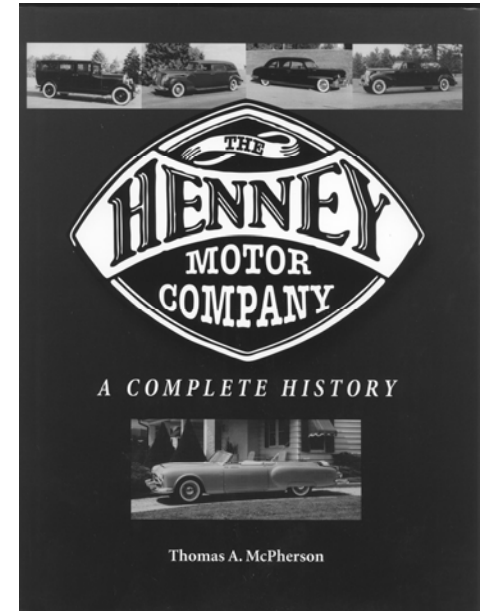


Exhibit of 15 photo calendars produced from 1995 through 2009 by the Rock Run Country Historical Society. Each month contains one or more historic photos of Davis, Dakota, Rock City and the area surrounding these villages.

The historical society made two purchases for the research center.

For the last fifteen years, the Rock Run Country Historical Society has published a calendar filled with historical photos of the area covered by the society. The calendars will no longer be published and the society offered complete sets for sale. Because the several hundred photographs are unique, the Cedarville Area Historical Society purchased two complete sets.

The first, comprehensive history of the Henney Motor Company was recently published. Written by Thomas A. McPherson, the hardcover book is filled with photographs and the first chapter details the company's history in Cedarville. This book is available for study in the Cedarville Area Historical Society's Rosabelle Cronau Research Center.



Cover of new book on Henney Company