

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

July 2017

Cedarville Area Historical Society



16 Voices of Freeport Chorale July 18

Sixteen voices of the Freeport Chorale will perform Tuesday evening, July 18, at the Cedarville Museum. This special appearance by members of the fifty voice group will be a warm-up for their scheduled August evening program in Freeport's Krape Park.



Dir. Gwynne French

The Cedarville event will include a medley of showstopper movie songs.

The museum program will start at 7:30 p.m. in the building's second floor theater. A one button elevator from the first to second floor is available for hand-icapped visitors.

The cost of the program is \$12 payable at the door or in advance by using the ticket

order blank on page two of this newsletter. Free refreshments will be served during the social hour after the performance.

The group's Krape Park bandshell concert is Sunday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. In the event of rain the concert will be in St. John United Church of Christ on Park Boulevard.

*Photos of
John Hartman Trio
June 20 Program
on Page 3*

*CD recording of program
available from CAHS
by calling 815-563-4485
or e-mailing
bonniebade@comcast.net*

4 Free Friday Movies Remain in July

Four free Friday night movies at the Cedarville Museum remain on the 2017 schedule.

They are:

July 7 — **Christmas in July.** A real oldie starring Dick Powell and Ellen Drew. This film was made in 1940.

July 14 — **The Shaggy Dog.** Laugh, laugh with Fred MacMurry in this 1959 production.

July 21 — **Pollyana.** The young orphan

Hayley Mills can solve any problem in this 1960 film.

Oklahoma. This is the 1956 film that starred Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Rod Steiger

Movies start at dusk on north lawn of the museum. Move inside the museum in the event of rain or uncomfortable weather. One button elevator to the second floor theater for handicapped visitors. Bring your own lawn chair. Pop corn, soft drinks, coffee, candy all only 50 cents.

Ticket Order For music programs

		# Tickets
Freeport Choral	\$12 each	_____
July 18, 7:30 p.m.		
Swing Billy RFD	\$12 each	_____
September 19, 7:30 p.m.		
Total payment enclosed		_____

Send payment to Cedarville Area Historical Society (CAHS), P. O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL. 61013. For more information call Jim Bade, 815-563-4485 or e-mail bonniebade@acomcast.net



Kyle and Courtney Miller, John Hartman



There was plenty of good food ...

Enthusiastic Audience Applauds Hartman Trio



... laid out by Carol Meyers & Narcissa Engle ...



Recording available courtesy Steve Myers



... for everyone to enjoy

'Great War' Creeps Toward Cedarville: Part 3

By Jim Bade
President, CAHS

The "Great War" in Europe claimed the lives of literally hundreds of thousands of combatants and civilians and laid waste to vast areas of the continent in the two years before the United States officially entered the war in April 1917.

Becoming involved in a massive conflict on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean was historically new for this country and it was not until the middle months of 1917 before the first local effects were felt as reflected in Freeport newspaper stories of June, July and August. Probably this was true because few Americans were involved at this time.

Generally speaking, locally reported stories fell into three categories: (1) A major event in Europe's war (2) an American get-ready-for-war story with possible Stephenson County impact (3) the chatty neighborhood comments that rarely touched on war related events.

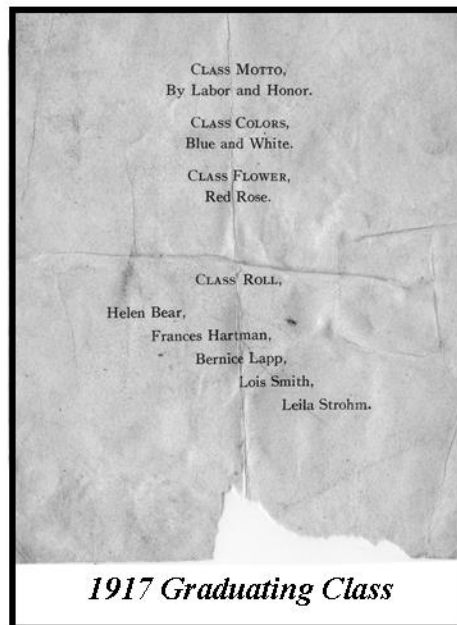
Let's take the categories in reverse.

During those three months, readers learned that on June 1 "Miss Esther D. Lapp returned (to Cedarville) from Chicago on Saturday night a full fledged three year graduate nurse. Early on Monday a.m., Willard Lapp of Lancaster called in his auto at the Lapp home in

Cedarville, taking with him the new nurse, to take charge of his mother, Mrs. I. E. Lapp, who is suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia."

That same day: "Carl Pepperman (of Cedarville) who was taken with measles on last Friday is doing as well as can be hopped for."

On June 6: The annual commencement of Cedarville High School class of 1917 (two year program) will take place in the Presbyterian church on this Friday, June 8, at 8 p.m. Orchestral music will be in evidence. The five girl graduates will each have a part in the program."



June closed with 125 people attending the annual reunion of the Folgate family that was held on the Foss farm, the original Folgate homestead.

There was no July 4 celebration in Cedarville. Those who normally mark the event probably went to Dakota or Freeport, according to the Freeport Journal Standard. However, at the end of the week, 45 "live" wax figures were to be exhibited in the Globe Hall, formerly an Evangelical church.

August farm news was mixed. Milk was raised from eight cents a quart to nine and it was expected to increase to 12 cents. Farm help was scarce, endangering the harvesting of crops. One Peconica farmer offered \$3 a day and room and board and could get no takers.

What about news stories that focused on war preparations that might affect Cedarville area residents?

A July article proudly announced that six members of the Cedarville band enlisted in the navy — William and Carlton Ruth, William Frank, Donald Fink, Ethol Thompson and Samuel Smith.

A July 12 Journal-Standard article announced that the draft to fill the U.S. army ranks would take 230 from Stephenson County, more than half from Freeport. Draftees would not be permitted to choose their branch of service.

All was not well at Rockford's Camp

Grant where 145 quarts of liquor were confiscated by guards when members of the construction army returned from damp spots in the Rockford area."

And, "eleventh hour marriages to evade the draft" were being investigated.

Meanwhile in Europe on June 13 the deadliest German air raid on London killed 162, including 46 children.

The news got closer to the United States as U.S. Gen. John Pershing and his headquarters staff arrived in Paris on June 14 followed by the first large contingent of troops on June 26.

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Thanks to Memorial Day Volunteers

By Wendy Gilpin
Memorial Day Coordinator

Cedarville, as a small village, depends on a committed group of volunteers to stage a successful event.

That certainly was true with the 2017 Memorial Day parade, cemetery ceremony and picnic lunch. There were a lot of moving parts that had to work together and volunteers were the key.

First, we had the parade: Cmdr. Steve Myers made sure the American Legion was well represented, reminding us that the day is all about honoring our veterans. Don and Vicki Franz, along with Austin Bowers, were decked out in period clothing and marched to Don's wonderful musical renditions on the fife.

Stephen Franklin and his drum and Katie McGinnis and her trumpet joined the marchers as they headed down the road. Young Trinity Hurley tossed the ceremonial wreath into the creek and then the parade marchers, which included much of the community, headed up to the cemetery.

At the cemetery our next group of volunteers stepped out. Rev. Bill Blomberg was there for the reading of the ceremony prayer; Katie played taps and Austin read President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which has become a tradition of the Memorial Day ceremony. Then, of course, there was

there was the reading of the names of all veterans who have been laid to rest in the Cedarville Cemetery, bringing a hush throughout the crowd. Each year as the long list is read, I continue to be amazed at the number of veterans who are in our tiny cemetery.

Are you getting the picture that a successful event relies on many volunteers?

Finally, we had a wonderful luncheon put on by the Cedarville Area Historical Society. Again, thanks to all of those volunteers. Narcissa Engle got her phone fingers moving and called around for members to provide some wonderful homemade desserts. Once again she and our wonderful bakers came through with mighty tasty desserts. Carol Meyers, Sharon Barmore and Narcissa made sure that all of the attendees had plenty of sweets. To those who made those wonderful desserts, we all thank you.

This year the historical society did things a little differently with the picnic fare as volunteers (There's that word again.) set up the tables, prepared the food, grilled the brats, hot dogs and hamburgers and made sure everyone got plenty of food.

Those volunteers included Sue Miller, Patrick and Lisa Goodwin, Greg, Betsy, Brenna and Everett Gilpin, (Well, Everett, only 1, and Brenna, 3, thought they were helping) and Sue and Steve Myers.

Of course, the weather cooperated, which made it nice. And it was wonderful to see the community come out in full force. Actually, I think we had more marchers than we have had the last couple of years.

So, now you see why I argue it takes committed volunteers to make an event like this a success.

I am a representative of the Cedarville Area Historical Society. The society was an integral part of the Memorial Day celebration. As I see it, our organization has two major focuses:

1. To collect, preserve and interpret the documents and artifacts that reflect on the history of the Cedarville area so that future generations will understand their heritage.
2. To preserve our community's heritage through the presentation of events such as the Memorial Day celebration.

Finally: The historical society and the volunteers listed above want to thank all who attended one or more of the Memorial Day activities.

We hope to see you at the free outdoor Friday night movies at the museum during the month of July (bring your own lawn chairs) and at the museum's live music programs in July and September. I'm sure you will see your neighbors at these events.

Robert 'Bob' Bratley, 90, and WWII Vet Passes

Robert C. "Bob" Bratley, 90, of Scioto Mills and a member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, died June 6 at Manor Court in Freeport.

Bob was born September 9, 1926, in Freeport. He spent much of his early life in Cedarville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Bratley was known for his knowledge of Scioto Mills and its history. His collection of old photographs and memories of early residents were often sources for interesting historical society newsletter articles.

Bob married Patricia "Pat" Zimmerman in 1948 in Cedarville. His wife, one of three daughters of legendary Cedarville piano teacher Elfreda Zimmerman, died in 2002.

Bob worked for many years as a cement finisher and contractor. Besides his membership in the historical society, he was a member of the Cedarville American Legion and the Freeport Eagle Club #679.

Surviving are three sons, Rod, Joe and Mark and two daughters Vicki Gorham and Becky Weber. Also surviving are seven grand children and seventeen great grandchildren and special friend Karrol Tipton.



TRUE MOVIE BUFFS: Even chilly weather did not stop these avid viewers who enjoyed their pop corn, candy and soft drinks while they watched the June 23 Friday night outdoor movie at the Cedarville Museum. The 1951 comedy starred Abott and Costello and Dick Powell.

