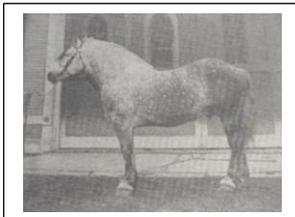




18-20 North Second Street

In 1898 P.H. Tracey had a livery stable there. Jayne Trost Powell told us that her grandfather, C.J. Trost raised beautiful Percheron horses there and had dray wagons, "tally hos" and funeral carriages.



In 1911, Trost Brothers took it over and also opened a movie theater. It was Chaffee's Garage from 1925-1933.

It was then Rice's Service Station until Ernest and Roy Macy bought it in 1935, becoming known as Macy's Arcade. Roy



opened a key shop in 1940 and continued gas service until 1968. The photo

to the left was taken in 1947 and was brought to us by Robert Anderson. It was taken in front of Macy's (notice the gas pumps).



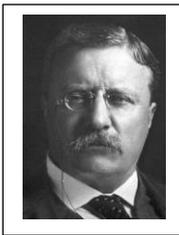
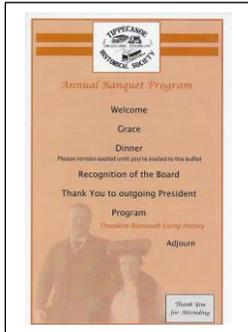
There were four Thuma brothers. Gale and Roy had a dealership in Troy. Vern and Bearl had a Thuma Brothers dealership in Tipp City. Next to Macy's was the movie theater that they turned into Tipp City Thuma Brothers Kaiser Frazer Dealership. Eventually, the house next door was torn down, and a new showroom was built on the corner of 2nd and Walnut. The front of the building was their showroom (now a bakery and frame shop). The long structure in the back was where they did auto maintenance and repairs (now The Clothesline). Judy Martin Groszewski told me her dad, Robert Martin, was the head mechanic there for years. Through the years after the Kaiser Frazers, Bearl sold Fords, DeSotos, and Plymouths. The building between the showroom and Macy's was torn down and the lot became his used car lot. Bearl closed the business in 1964 due to health issues.



In 1969 Dick Cain acquired the Macy building for his heating and cooling business with the key shop remaining. In more recent years it was the IZIT Company metal fabricating shop and is now privately owned.

THS Annual Banquet

On April 22nd, our annual banquet took place at the Tipp Senior Citizen Center. 42 attended including representatives from the Tipp Chamber, Downtown Tipp City Partnership, Tipp Library, Tipp Monroe Community Services and the Miami County Historical and Genealogy Society. Following a delicious meal catered by Mrs. B's, a living history program was presented by Larry & Julia Marple. A mesmerizing portrayal of Theodore and Edith Roosevelt gave an account of their lives from childhood to the Rough Riders and all the way through his political rise to the Presidency of the United States. Every fascinating detail was meticulously woven into their flawless presentation. A comment that he resembled Teddy Roosevelt, made by a third-grade student of Larry's, launched the Marples into decades of portraying the Roosevelts in multiple venues, including many summers at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. They truly brought the 26th President and First Lady to life!



**U.S. President
1901-1909**



Letter from the Incoming President

Hello from Barbara Smith, your new Society president. First, let me thank you for this opportunity to serve in a leadership role to the organization. At just three years as a member, I am pretty new, which means that you can teach me a lot. I am impressed with the dedication of those who valued Tippecanoe City's history and chose to support efforts to preserve that for others. The Society and its Museum exist because of the contributed time, talent and resources of many dedicated people. What has been built is precious!

Although I describe myself as a "newbie" to the Society, I am not new to leadership. Over the past decades I have played leadership roles in various organizations at local, state and national levels. Hopefully, that experience, with your help and support, can move the organization forward. Looking ahead, the organization needs to adjust and revitalize. Time and circumstances have taken a toll on our membership. As a volunteer organization, our projects, programs, and marvelous museum require member engagement. As the member numbers have dwindled so has the availability of volunteer help. So, my first ask of you as members is to help recruit. Please identify friends, family, and colleagues who love the town, appreciate its history and are willing to help preserve that history. Encourage them to join us. We will be happy to engage with them, provide membership information and answer any questions. But we need your help in recruitment.

In the weeks ahead, I will be working with the executive committee and trustees on a plan of action to strengthen the Society. I'm looking forward to working with the Board and all of you to make the Tippecanoe Historical Society successful for all our members, a valued resource in the community, and continue the legacy of those that came before.



Upcoming Events

May 3rd
9:00 – 4:00

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
The Museum will have many vintage items for sale



June 1st
5:00 – 7:00

IF TOMBSTONES COULD TALK
Rain Date: June 8th



December 4th
1:00

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Bob Evans – Tipp City



Upcoming Board Meetings

New Location: Tipp Senior Center

Tuesdays - May 13th, June 10th, July 8th – 3:00 p.m.

Report from the Museum Director

- Since reopening in March, we have had several visitors to the museum; folks from out of town, folks visiting family stopping by, folks that didn't know there was a museum, and other reasons. We appreciate them all!
- A few "thank You's" are in order. To our members who faithfully renew their membership to keep the organization going. To Eli (who rents the white house) and his family. They keep the yard mowed, and the walks shoveled (even if he is gone). To Gordon for checking every day to make sure the door is locked. To Liz Miller for keeping the volunteer list going - and to the volunteers who man the museum every Saturday. To Joanna for serving as the president the last two years. To Karen Jackson., Karen Kuziinsky . and Barbara Smith for planning, decorating and conducting the banquet and program. To Annette Calicoat for taking pictures and reporting on the banquet. It takes a lot of effort from so many to keep things running smoothly.
- We are planning a cemetery walk for June 1, from 5-7. The line up so far is" Gordon Pittenger portrayed by Tim Eggleston, Lowell Hampton portrayed by Ron Re', Frank & Eva Hill portrayed by Frank Scenna and Heather Bailey, "Sonny Fair" portrayed by "Mose Wampler". I am still trying to find people to portray "Mutt" and Leota Hoover. If you know of anyone, please give me a call at 937-698-6798. More details will be provided when the plans are complete.

Susie Spitler

Football Field of Old

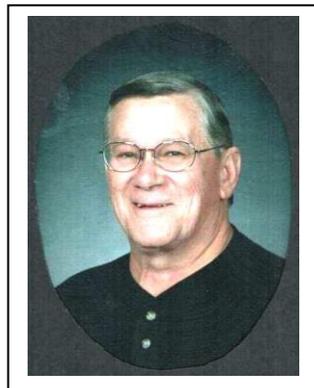


"There was no football field, so every Friday afternoon the team ran down to a field east of the canal for the game, grabbing free apples as they ran past a store. But before the game, the field had to first be cleared of the cows and cow patties. The downtown stores closed, and there were no stands, so the crowd "walked the line" up and down the field."

Photo and quote from Susan Furlong's book *Tippecanoe to Tipp City – The First 100 Years*

In Memory

David R. Cook
1/10/39 – 3/20/25



THS lost a member since the last newsletter.

We appreciate his many years of membership and send condolences to his family.