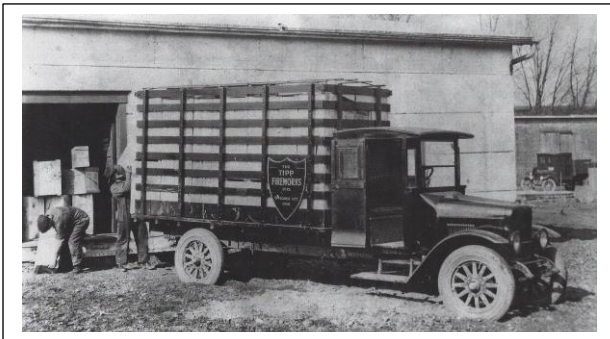




## Tipp Fireworks

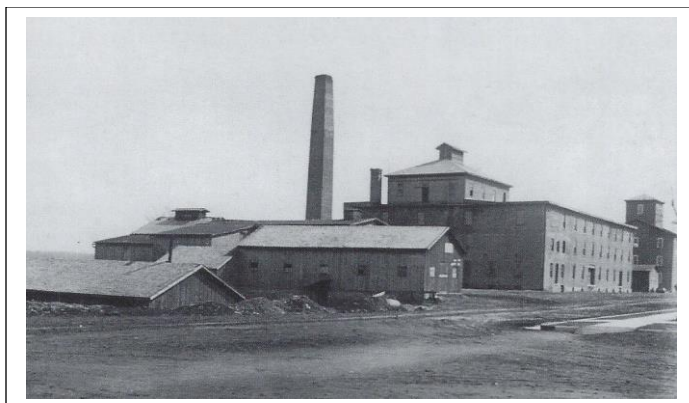
In 1921, The Tipp Fireworks Co. was formed by J.A. Scheip and J.R. Scheip. Carl Moser Sr. was brought to Tipp City as their salesman. In 1927 the senior Scheip became ill and Carl bought the company. He was known throughout the U.S. as a designer of major fireworks displays. He boasted that no one was ever killed at one of his exhibitions because he exercised every precaution.



The company was located at 245 Fourth St., which is now Indian Creek Fabricators, Inc. It sits on the west side of the street and includes the surrounding buildings.

A fireworks delivery truck is pictured at left.

## And on the Subject of Things That Explode....



This picture is of South First Street. The building to the left with only the roof visible is Timmer's Cooperage Shop. The building beside it is the Tippecanoe Grape Sugar Company, and to the far right is Davis Whip.

The picture on the next page is....



...the aftermath of the Grape Sugar Co. explosion in 1887. They processed grape sugar, which in powdered form is highly explosive when exposed to air and must be kept away from open flames and areas where electric sparks are possible. The site of the grape company later became Tip Top Canning. This information is from Susan Furlong's book "Tippecanoe To Tipp City The First Hundred Years".

## Letter from the President

Rain or shine... In May, the Historical Society participated in the Community Garage Sale for the first time. Despite dreadful weather, attendance at the sale surpassed expectations. There was a brisk business in school yearbooks, (duplicates of Museum holdings) thanks in part to a social media posting by a member. It was so much fun to chat with never before visitors to the Museum. So many times, we heard 'I didn't know this Museum was here.' We got good exposure and created a bit of space in our packed facility.

A splendid day in June brought a return of "If Tombstones Could Talk," our cemetery walk. Folks said they were so glad that we were doing this once again. We got some wonderful coverage of the event by the Gazette, as well as documentation on KIT TV. A special "hats-off" to our enactors for their time and talent sharing the stories of these Tipp Citians.

The Historical Society is delighted to participate in the Downtown Partnership's creation of the *Downtown Lowdown* Podcasts "to share the stories, people, and places that make downtown Tipp City shine." We look forward to helping provide historical materials and information as these podcasts are developed. We also welcomed the Downtown Partnership as a business member of the Society!

Communication and membership are critical to maintain the vitality of the Society. Committees are being established in both these areas. Members who are willing to assist with promoting the Society through all types of media are needed. Also, membership recruiting and ideas for membership engagement are needed. Anyone with expertise or willingness to contribute in either communication or membership is encouraged to contact me at 734-845-6520.

The Tipp City Foundation announced that the Tippecanoe Historical Society was chosen as one of the recipients from the Dave and Sue Cook Community Fund. The Cooks were community leaders throughout their lifetimes. Their legacy of engagement with and strong support of the Historical Society continues with the establishment of this Fund, and we are grateful.

Barbara Smith

## Welcome New Members

Amy Lorms, Chicago IL

Shawn & Dave Chandler, Tipp City

The Downtown Tipp City Partnership





## If Tombstones Could Talk

We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the cemetery walk was a well-attended success. Five stations were set up near the tombstones of notable Tipp Citians: Lowell Hampton, Sonny Fair, Frank and Eva Hill, Gordon Pittenger and Mutt and Leota Hoover. Many thanks to all the presenters who did a wonderful job!



**James & Andi Trzeciak as  
Mutt & Leota Hoover**



**Mose Wampler as Sonny Fair**



**Heather Bailey & Frank Scenna as  
Eva and Frank Hill**



**Ron Re as Lowell Hampton**



**Tim Eggleston as Gordon Pittenger**

## Report from the Museum Director

- We continue to receive a variety of donations. We appreciate folks thinking of us when they are distributing things they have treasured and want to be sure they will continue to be enjoyed by others.
- A huge thank you to all those who participated in the If Tombstones Could Talk cemetery walk. It takes a whole crew of people to put a walk together. The weather was perfect, those attending were attentive, and those doing presentations did a great job of preparing and presenting. Several people commented that they were so glad we did this again, and even more asked that we continue. If anyone has a person they would like to see portrayed in the future call me at 937-698-6798.
- Member Ed Merta has been working on cataloging the pictures in storeroom #1. He has prepared a spreadsheet that is ten pages long. When someone asks if we have pictures of something, this will allow us to say “yes we do” or “no we don’t” without having to go back and look through all the photos. Thanks so much to Ed!

Susie Spitler



The Museum has a NEW COMPUTER!

Thanks to Chuck Kessler for doing all the research & leg work to acquire it.

## Upcoming Events

**September  
27-28<sup>th</sup>**

**TIPP CITY MUM FESTIVAL**  
THS will have a booth



**December 4th  
3:00**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Bob Evans – Tipp City



**December 6<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 – 4:00**

**TIPPECANOE & CHRISTMAS TOO  
HOME TOUR**  
Main Street – Tipp City



## Upcoming Board Meetings

Location: Tipp Senior Center

Tuesdays - August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.