

Historically Speaking

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A Look Back at 1918

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Our country has seen some events during the past year that have affected the lives of many individuals in Howard County. The additional tariffs that were put in place on numerous items that are exported have had an impact on local farmers. Items that are imported affect manufacturing plants that ultimately affect the cost of items produced by them. Both of these situations have been detrimental to many residents of Howard County.

There were other events that made news during the year that caused uneasy reactions among citizens.

Almost every year has had headlines that were disturbing, but more challenging than others. One hundred years ago, in 1918, newspapers were the main source of news — good and bad. Much of the information in this issue of *Historically Speaking* has been taken from the 1918 issues of *The Phonograph*.

As that year began, the country was still involved in World War I and Howard County was involved in two specific ways — providing manpower and woman power as they entered the armed forces or helped at medical facilities.

Others provided direct financial aid or sacrificed certain commodities that were needed in the war effort. The war ended November 11, 1918, amid much jubilation. However, during the previous 10 months, the nation's economic life was affected as food and fuel were rationed, taxes were increased, and millions of dollars worth of Liberty bonds were

sold. In July, the sugar ration was reduced to 2 pounds per person, per month.

Although everyone was encouraged to purchase Savings Stamps, school children were especially targeted. It took a certain number of stamps to purchase a bond. One stamp purchased in March for \$4.14 would be worth \$5.00 by 1923. Each individual was limited to collect \$1,000 at maturity, but even minor children could take part. The money from the sale of these bonds went toward the war effort. Additional financial help toward the war effort was made through several fundraisers. A popular one was the basket social sponsored by

Your Choice?
bonds or
bondage?
Will you lend your
money and be free -
or
hoard it now and pay
it out in Tribute when
Liberty is lost ?

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A Message From the President *Kaye Tomlinson*

Hello to all of the members of the Historical Village. The Village looks good and the Christmas decorations and trees will go up soon. 2018 has been a good year for the Village. We have had a lot of visitors quite often, and that is great — they came from all over.

We hold our election in December and that is always exciting and fun for us to get the ballots back from all of you. They come from far and wide — some write little notes which we love to get. We appreciate all of you.

November 30 is the opening of Christmas this year and we are having another “live” nativity. They are always so beautiful and breathtaking. The choir from the Baptist Church is joining us, again, to add their singing talent, which makes the Nativity even better!

There is a horse-drawn trailer that brings loads of people over to see us — and then back to the Civic Center. The whole Christmas opening weekend is full of fun.

We have new members and some older ones have left us, but life is good!

We have a donor board at our newest building and anyone who donates \$100, or more, gets their name on the board.

We always decorate the Village for Christmas. We put up trees in the various buildings, and lights all over.

All in all, our Historical Village is in very good shape and everyone tries to keep it that way.

So, until next time, have a wonderful holiday season. Drive by the Village and see all the lights if you can.

Tell someone you know that you love them and Merry Christmas! It makes you feel good, but even better, it makes them feel good!

*Merry Merry and Happy Happy,
Kaye Tomlinson - President*

Also, to help in supporting the war effort, an article in *The Phonograph* stated how the Bureau of Mines and the Yale Medical School at New Haven was in need of cats and dogs to experiment and study the use of gas masks to be issued to soldiers. The war prompted a time-keeping innovation as President Woodrow Wilson signed a law on March 31st, known as Daylight Savings Time, to allow for more daylight. Many citizens were against the move, especially farmers. The law was repealed in 1919.

There were many ‘news-makers’ during 1918 that were unrelated to the war. One included the devastating influenza epidemic which peaked in October, leaving doctors baffled.


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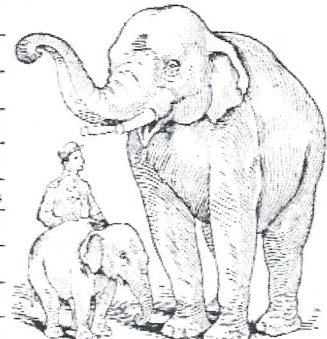
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PARKER'S CARNIVAL SHOWS || COLLOSAL ZOO OF WONDERS

Col. Hobb's \$10,000 Challenge Dancing Horses Winners of New York & Boston Horse Show

Savages Company of World's
Famous Wrestlers

ST. PAUL, Monday, July 29th

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schools and civic organizations, especially popular among the rural schools.

fled as to the cause and cure. Numerous people, including many children, died. Forty-six states, including Nebraska, were affected. Howard County was not immune, as the cemeteries will reveal. The epidemic disappeared in 1919 but left many afflicted with Brights disease, cardiac disease, and tuberculosis.

On a lighter note, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series over the Chicago Cubs. Each player received \$1,102.51, which was an all-time low since the World Series began in 1903. This year (2018), the Boston Red Sox also won; however, the payment to each player was approximately \$439,000.

The first airmail stamps and airmail service was started in May of 1918. The stamps were issued in denominations of 6, 16, and 24 cents. The first airmail flights were between New York City and Washington, D.C.

A major headline of local interest was the 5:40 a.m. verdict of Alson Cole and Allen Grammar, charged with the murder of Lulu Vogt.

1918 was also an election year. By a vote of 58-52, the question of pool halls in St. Paul was decided in the negative. The article noted there was little interest in the election with little more than 100 votes from two wards.



(The following articles are a response to the war effort.)

**U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION
Sugar and County Rules**

The Food Administrator has made the ruling: That as the merchants in Nebraska have been accustomed to selling sugar by the dollar instead of by the pound: They be allowed to sell not more than 50 cents worth at one time to city customers, or one dollar's worth to farm customers.

County Rules

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants of this county the following rules were unanimously adopted:

Closing: That in accordance with the wishes of the Fuel Administration until further notice all stores will close at 6 o'clock p.m., each week day except Saturday and remain closed on Sunday.

That on and after Monday, Jan. 14 but two deliveries will be made each day. One leaving the store at 10 o'clock a.m., the other leaving the store at four o'clock p.m. and all orders must be in before the time set for leaving the store to go out on that delivery.

Credit

That hereafter no credit will be extended for more than thirty days and settlement must positively be made within that time.

And personally I wish to publicly thank the merchants in this county for their hearty cooperation in carrying out the wishes of the Government through the Food Administration.

C. W. McCracken
Federal County
Food Administrator



**A NICKEL A DAY
IS YOUR SHARE**

If You Can Save More, Then More is Your Share.

If every person in Nebraska were to lay aside a nickel each day during the year of 1918, it would mean the saving of nearly \$26,500,000 in this state this year. This is Nebraska's share of the War Savings Stamp loan.

If everybody in the United States saved a nickel a day during the year, it would mean the raising of \$2,000,000,000. This is the total amount of the War Savings loan.

Five nickels buy a "Thrift Stamp". Sixteen of the 25-cent "Thrift Stamps" pasted on a card can be exchanged with a few cents for a War Savings Stamp. War Savings Stamps cost \$4.12 each until February 1, and then one cent

more each month until the end of the year, and on January 1, 1923, can be redeemed at any postoffice for \$5.

If you do not want to keep War Savings Stamps until the date of maturity you can cash them at the postoffice any time on 10 days' notice, and get what you paid plus the interest earned to date.



SEIZURE OF HOUSEWIVES'

FOOD STOCKS IMPOSSIBLE

The government has never considered any plan of seizing foodstuffs owned by householders. Nor is there any policy of this kind suggested for the future.

In spite of this fact, the United States food administration has been obliged repeatedly to issue official denials of rumors that the government intends commandeering preserves and canned goods put up in American homes.

These rumors were originated partly by pro-German propagandists and partly by conscienceless grafters, who sought to profit through buying from misinformed housewives.

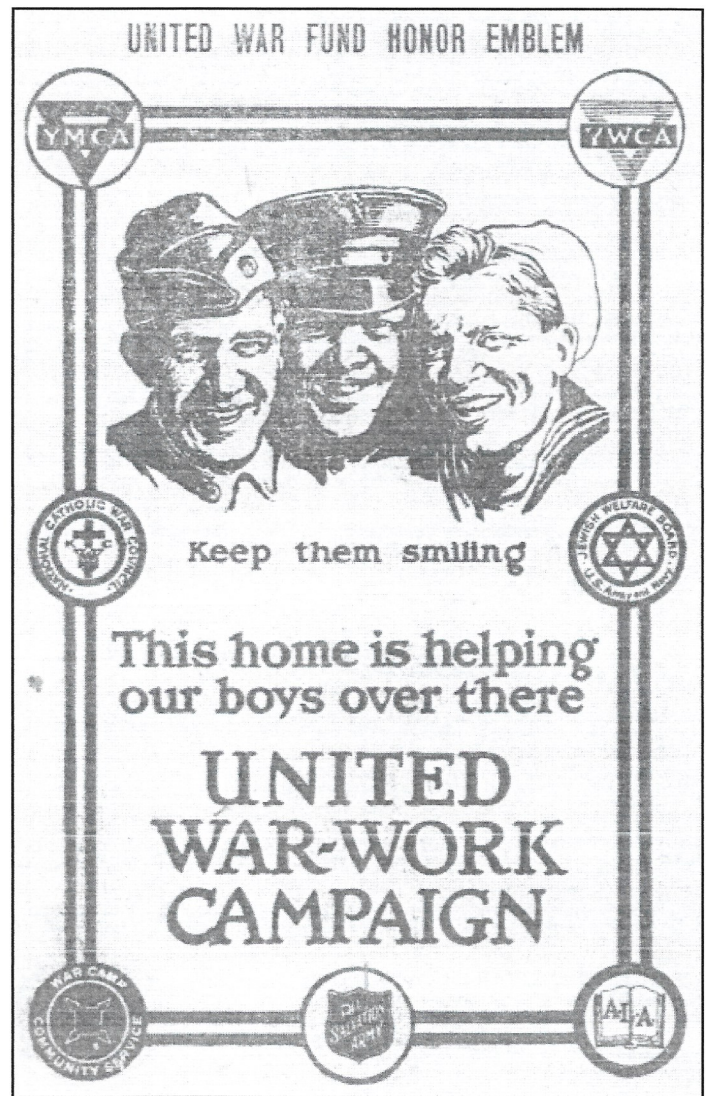
The year 1918 will see home canning and preserving practiced on greater scale than ever before in the nation's history, officials in Washington believe. And they are assuring all patriotic housewives that foods so saved are theirs, and theirs alone.



NUTRITIOUS CORN BREAD

One New York hotel has arranged a thoroughly patriotic corn bread recipe. It combines cornmeal with rye flour, both of which are being consumed in greater quantities this year in order to release wheat flour for the allied nations. This recipe fills a large pan - 16 by 22 inches - and contains the following ingredients: one quart milk, four ounces butter substitute, ten ounces light syrup or honey, three eggs, pinch salt, two pounds cornmeal, one pound rye flour and two ounces baking powder.

The butter and syrup are thoroughly mixed. Then add the eggs gradually, pour in the milk, then add the rye flour mixed with the cornmeal and baking powder. Bake in a hot oven.



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Here is a small picture of the colored emblems that soon will flash forth from every loyal American home and from the millions of offices throughout the land. Pasted on your window or your desk, it will show that you have contributed to the support of the seven organizations who are looking after the comfort of the boys "over there" and at the various camps at home.

The seven war work organizations united in this drive are the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic War Council (Knights of Columbus), Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, Salvation Army, and American Library Association.



The State Council of Defense has made known that it disapproved of the use of yellow paint on buildings of alleged disloyalists. The use of paint or the tarring of any person accused of disloyalty is unlawful and should not be countenanced in any community in the state, members of the council say.



(November 7, 1918)

**WORLD WAR
AT AN END**

Word reached this city today, at noon, that Germany had accepted the peace terms of the allies and that hos-

“Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling” to know that peace has been declared?

The strain and anxiety that mothers, fathers, wives, sons and daughters have had to endure for months has turned into an overflowing river of joy.

Bartle's
Store of Quality

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tilities had ceased at once.

How true that report is we do not know, but Lincoln and Omaha are holding big celebrations as a result of the signing of articles of peace.

**ST. PAUL TO HAVE A
SOLDIERS MONUMENT**

After Wait of Several Years

Work Will Commence in Spring

Several years ago, the old soldiers of this city, members of Canby Post No. 8, disposed



Peace on
earth,
Good will
to men.

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of their G. A. R. Hall and the money obtained at that time formed the nucleus from which it was possible to raise enough money to erect a fine new monument in this city to the honor of the old veterans of the Civil War.

Last week, the committee, consisting of Joe Anthony, W. H. Hill, and J. P. Taylor, representing the old soldiers, and T. T. Bell, Lars Larsen, and J. F. Webster, representing the citizens of the city, met with representatives of the Paine-Fishburn Monument Co., of Grand Island, in this city and closed a deal whereby the latter company agrees to erect a suitable monument in this city, during the coming summer, at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00. The committee has more than three thousand dollars in their fund right now and it will not take a great deal of soliciting to secure the other five or six hundred dollars necessary to put up the monument.

The chances are that the monument will be erected on the court yard, but that is not a settled fact, yet. That is the appropriate place for such a memorial, and beyond a doubt that is where it will be placed. It has taken quite a while to get this matter into shape and we know the people of this city will be pleased to learn of the success of the committee in being able to secure the monument at this time.

(Miscellaneous 1918 Articles
from *The Phonograph*)

SPANISH INFLUENZA MAKING GAINS IN THIS COUNTY

A number of Howard County people have fallen victim to the ravages of the present epidemic, Spanish flu, and a large number are sick over the county. It is doubtful if we are able to report the number of deaths, but we have learned of sufficient for one issue of *The Phonograph*.

Viggo Jorgensen was buried at Dannebrog Sunday, he having died in Camp Funston last week after a fight with that disease that is causing so much trouble over the country at

present.

Dennis Petersen died of Spanish flu in Camp Funston the latter part of the week and he will be buried at Dannebrog today. He was in camp only a very short time. Thus, two other lives are marked up to the credit of old kaiser Bill and when the day of reckoning arrives, he should be made to account for them.

Otto Niemoth died at his home near Palmer Sunday after being sick for about a week with the prevailing disease.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mamot near Farwell died on Monday night. The home was quarantined for the epidemic and it is believed that flu was the cause of its death. The other members of the family afflicted with the disease are reported doing well now.

Frank Iams died at his home at Winner, South Dakota Monday night, following an attack of the flu. We understand he will be buried there. We are not able to give any of the particulars, the report reaching here that he was seriously ill and later a report brought the news that he was in a critical condition, and then the report reached that he had died.

ALL SCHOOLS TO CLOSE UNTIL DANGER IS OVER

County Superintendent W. G. Baker informs *The Phonograph* that all schools in the county will be closed regardless of Spanish flu conditions in any district until all danger of the disease is over. In fact, the state board of health has ordered all meetings of any kind to cease until a later date. The time set now is November 2nd. If the disease is under control at that time the ban may be lifted.

All Public Places and Public Gatherings Closed Until Further Orders

Bright and early Wednesday morning, notices were posted up over the city informing the residents that all public gatherings, schools, churches, theatres, dances, etc., be closed until further notice and since that time

this has been a pretty quiet city.

In addition to the above, the mayor requests that all children remain in their immediate neighborhood, and any one from a family who has cases of the influenza refrain from mixing with the public. That should stamp out the visitation of this disease before it becomes epidemic and the health and city authorities are to be commended for the prompt action they have taken to safeguard the lives of our people...Let the people of this vicinity do their part and we will soon have that unwelcome visitor sent on his way.



Historical Society Members: please find an election ballot enclosed in this newsletter.

M E R R Y

Christmas!

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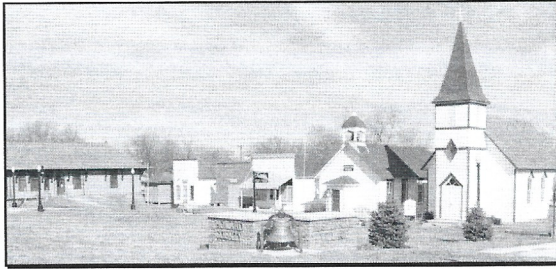
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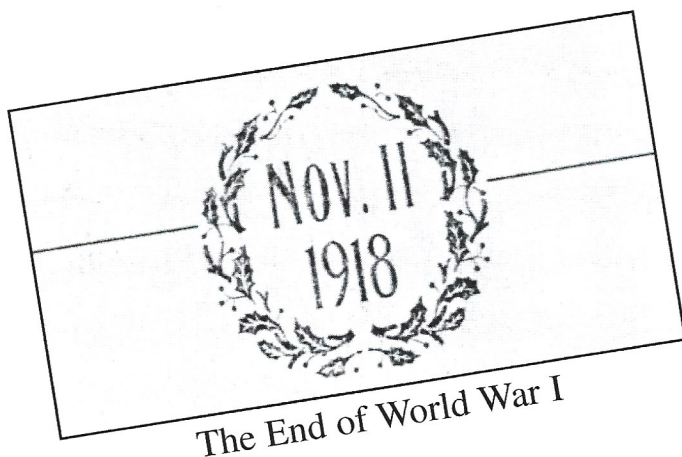
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