

TYRONE GLEANINGS

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Maynard's Ramblings:

Things have really been getting done at the Historical Society. We now have a nice new sign on the front of our building. The new steps are in which will make it much easier to get up to the sidewalk from the street especially in winter.

On Saturday, April 25 with Jerry Malfroids help we opened up the museum to the old Model "A" Club. They really enjoyed going through and reminiscing of old time. We even made a pot of coffee for them. In May we entertained the Kent City Study Club. I gave a little history of the Historical Society and Bob Brott showed slides of old Kent City. They presented the Historical Society with a nice monetary gift. We thank them very much for this. I understand that some of this was in memory of Gustie Blush and Mildred Weston. We intend to do something special with this.

We wish to thank Mary Matthews for sending us three large boxes of things from the Saur family. Mary and her husband Hank Sanders have sold their house in Kent City and now live in Florida during the winter and Montana in the summer. Most of the items sent were from Mary's grandfather, Harold Saur, who served in the first World War and was in Russia in what was called the Polar Bear expeditionary forces. Later in life he became a State Senator and for several years ran the A.H. Saur and Son General Store in Kent City where Master Supply is now.

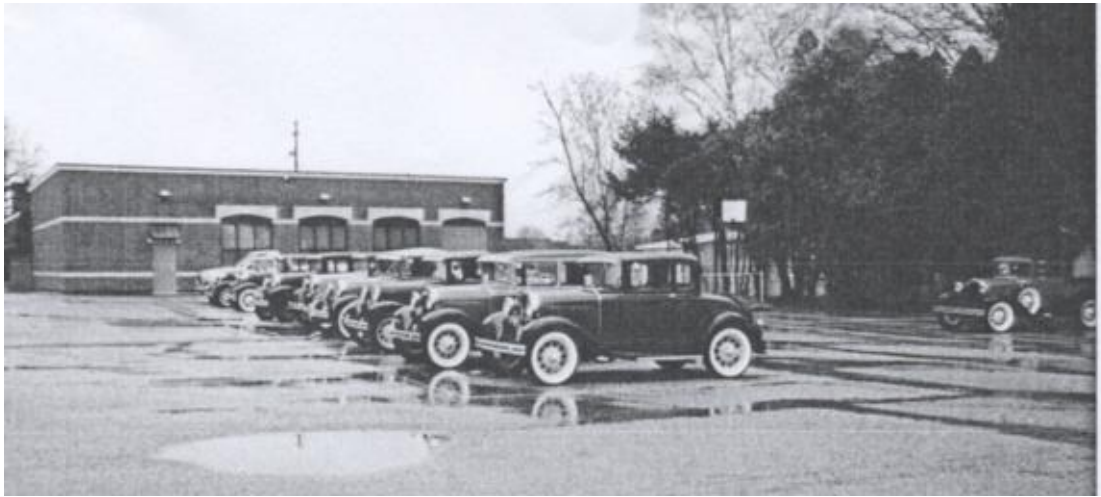
We thank Harold and Juli Hall for the collection of old irons. They are really neat. Also thanks to lone Stark for the Styrofoam heads that are used to display the old hats we received from Mary Matthews. lone found these on E-Bay.

July we are taking a vacation, so no meeting or open house. On August 11 and September 8 are two very important dates as we will be getting ready and setting up for our open house during Kent City days on Sept 12.



**Please mark your calendar for the next 2 meetings at 1:00pm
July (no mtg), Aug 11 and Sept 8**

This is the line up of Model "A" cars that came to visit the Society on Saturday, April 25th.



On May 12, 2009 our new sign was placed on our building. Here Lone Stark is viewing it for the first time. Brian Klawiter is standing in the background.



Local news from the past – *Kent City Herald* May 10, 1905:

The barn belonging to Mr. Elwood burned last Friday night. He lost a team, a cow, all his farming implements, 44 bushels of potatoes, a quantity of beans and some hay. He carried a small insurance.

Clark School news from the *Sparta Sentinel Leader* July 24, 1947:

Mrs. Clarence Hutfilz (ne Coralie Ulmer) and daughters of Rogers City and Mrs. John Kriger of Casnovia spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Wagner and Mary Jo.

Casnovia Herald March 26, 1915:

The party having J.A. Saur's fence stretchers, will please return them at once.

Tyrone Township was organized in 1855 and received its name from Tyrone, New York by a Mr. Uriah Chubb, formerly from there but then a resident of Lisbon which was a thriving community and center of the nearby farming district in those days. Lisbon is immediately south and a little west of Kent City.

The first record of Kent City was in 1873 when the present railroad was built by D.P. Clay and was called Grand Rapids, Newaygo & Lakeshore. The station stop was a platform located on the south side of Ball Creek Rd just west of the intersection of Ball Creek Rd. and Main St. The station was called Tyrone Station after the township. In 1875 the Michigan State Gazetteer & Business Directory listed Ball Creek as a post office in Kent County corresponding to Tyrone Station. In 1883 the station stop also became known as the Ball Creek stop and was taken over by the Chicago, West Michigan Railroad and became an extremely busy shipping point for local produce.

A few years after the train was established, a meeting was held for the purpose of giving the town a name. There seems to be a difference of opinion here as some say it was named Ball Creek as designated by the railroad but others claim it was decided on and called from the start, Kent City. It is recorded in Chapman's 1881 "History of Kent County, Michigan" that Nelson F. Albee platted Kent City, built all the first houses and gave the village its name.

Kent City news items taken from the *Sentinel Leader* 1934

Folks are beginning to talk about "Girl Shy", a play which is to be presented by the Kent City High School Senior Class on Wednesday evening Nov. 28, at the Kent City Auditorium. The cast has been chosen and is made up of the following students; Clarence Wright, Andy Winell, Ann Nyblad, Florence Saur, Helen Lundquist, Florence Emmons, Wayne Speese, Elizabeth Ulmer, Joseph Gates, George Wilkerson, Maxine Sprague and Ronald Rossel. Rehearsals are progressing steadily and while the performance is still far from a finished product, still director J.D. Krepps says that he is satisfied with the progress that is being made and he promised a treat for the patrons on Nov. 28.

Tickets will be placed on sale soon. For those that wish them, a limited number of seats will be reserved and reservations may be obtained at the payment of five cents extra. To those that do not care for reserved seats, we promise that not all the choice seats will be taken.

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Kathryn Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, was married last week to Clifford Johnson. The couple will be at home with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sid Johnson.

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Kent City Honor Roll: Otto Blackmore, Constance Brisben and Billy Holben are the honor students in Miss Sanders room. The honor students in Miss Pitmans room are Bernard Blackmore, Doris Johnson, Raymond Williams, Kathleen Dunn, Elra Schrader, Melvin Saur, Gene Brink, Leslie June Gillem, Gladys Moll and George Montgomery. In Mr. Loomis room Jack Saur, LaVon Dunn, Lilliam VanBelkum and Jack Leaver are the only honor students.

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Casnovia news from the same paper:

By special arrangement of the management and the business men, Casnovia is to be given a better grade of pictures in the future with no increase in price for the present. Among those coming are "Little Women", "Flying Down the Rio", and "Wild Cargo", which is Frank Bucks latest animal picture. On account of these reels being longer, shows will start promptly at 7:30 and 9:00.

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Seth Ransom of Grand Rapids was in town last Tuesday and spent the day with his father F.M. Ransom and his brother H.S. Ransom.

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Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Stinson went to Bay City Tuesday for a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Walter Stinson. They will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Johnson of Battle Creek and Mr. Stinson and Mr. Johnson will go north to hunt. The ladies will return home.

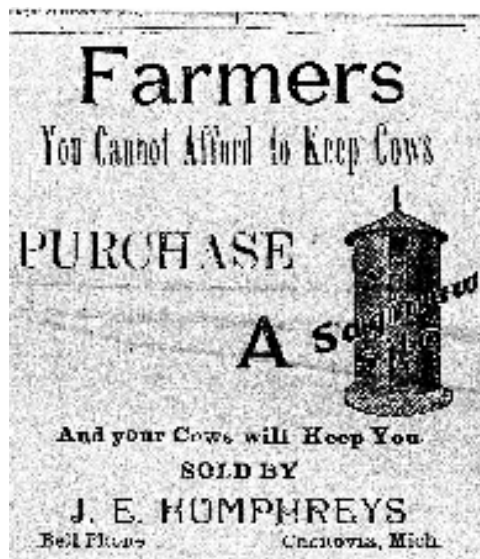
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A group of the younger set held the first of a series of evening bridge parties last Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Muma as host and hostess. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Fancett, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Greiner, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stinson and Mr. and Mrs. John Fraleigh Jr.

This news item was taken from a 1935 paper:

The Standard Oil Station in Casnovia, operated by Donald and Daniel Schraeder, was entered last Sunday night by way of a plate glass window in the front part of the station. An attempt had been made to enter a rear window but finding it locked, the prowlers broke the front window. All that was reported missing were a few boxes of candy. The matter was referred to the State Police.

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Ads taken from the February 24, 1911 *Casnovia Herald*-



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