



WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SHARE USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

We collect empty computer printer ink cartridges at the museum. We can turn these in and get credit to purchase ink, paper, etc. We would appreciate it you would bring your empty cartridges to the museum to help us.

PHOTO RESTORATION WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 17 at 12:00 noon, Dennis Allen will host a free workshop on photo restoration using Microsoft's Paint program. Call 961-8085 if you want to come.

WCHS LIBRARY NEEDS INFO & PHOTOS

ABOUT: Northwest Warren County - Norwalk, Churchville, Orilla, Cumming, Prole.

We are still looking for Warren County One Room School information.

First 2010 WCHS

Soup Supper &

Meeting

Tuesday, March 23

STEVE SHULTZ, WOODWORKER EXTRAORDINAIRE



Tuesday, March 23 at our Warren County Historical Society Soup Supper, Steve Shultz from Des Moines will present a program about creating operational, wooden locks and other items made completely from wood. This should be a very interesting program. Please join us for supper at 6:00 with program to fol-



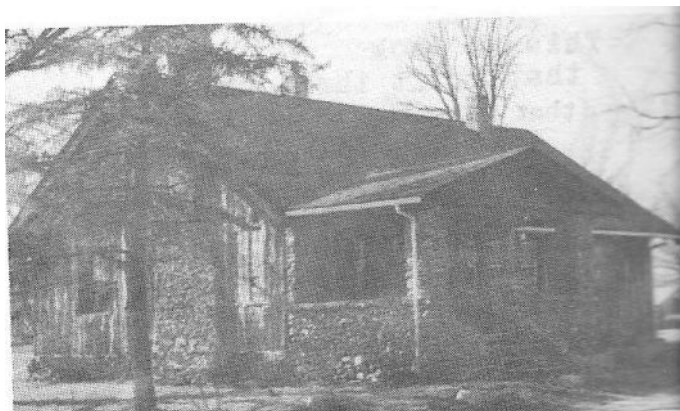
WCHS RECEIVES \$800

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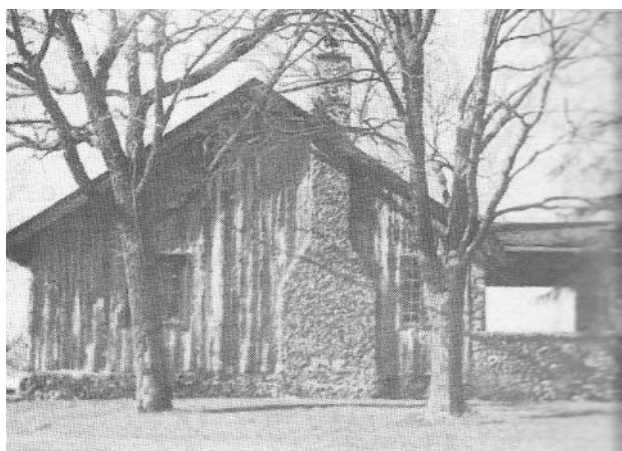
In February we received an \$800 grant from the Indianola Chamber of Commerce Connecting to What Matters, Indianola Tourism Grant Program to print 1,000 WCHS brochures to be placed around the county and in tourism areas.



DANCE FEVER, Excerpt from "Winginamen", Indianola High School 1983, by Marc Kingery



**Log Cabin built
by Loddie Ogle**



Log cabin barn on the Ogle farm.



It's Saturday night. Small groups of people travel down a country road toward a little farm house. In the distance can be heard the gay chords of a fiddle and the strumming of a banjo. Through the twilight, distant sounds of people dancing and laughing. "The times were rough and money was hard to come by," said Edith Conn, Research Director of the Warren County Historical society. But one night at Loddie Ogle's Log Cabin Dance Hall is all that is needed to forget the dim present and cut loose for a night of fun and excitement.

SECLUDED

Today the dance hall no longer exists, having been overcome by fire, but the log house and tourists' homes still stand. Loddie Ogle first started the tourists' homes in the early thirties, during the Great Depression. They are located approximately ten miles south of Indianola and one mile west on an old country road in a secluded area. The trees stand tall and full, screening the sunlight. The old rustic log house sits by itself, looking as though it has a million stories to tell.

After building the tourists' homes, Mrs. Ogle built a log cabin dance hall. People from all over the county and even from Des Moines would come to dance to the country hoe-down music of Earl May of Shenandoah, and other local bands.

BOOTLEG EASY TO COME BY

Not only did some people come to dance but also to feast on some good home cooking of Mrs. Ogle, especially her famous chicken sandwich. It was rumored that if anyone needed to wash those sandwiches down, there was a good chance among some of the guests to find some bootleg whiskey, even though it was a federal crime during the days of prohibition.

According to Mrs. Conn the dance hall allowed people to relax and get away from their troubles. It was an inexpensive way to take the family out and forget about the economically hard times during the "Dirty Thirties."

*Log Cabin Festival Meeting
Monday, April 12
5:30 pm
Join us if you want to help .*



Photo: Mary Berry Hall before 1914

Mary Berry Hall, originally named “Ladies Boarding Hall,” was built in 1890 as Simpson College’s first residence hall for students. It opened for 64 students and one matron in January 1891 and served as a residence hall for students until 1967. During its nearly 120 year history, Mary Berry Hall has served as a residence home for young women, a coed dormitory, a bookstore, faculty offices, classrooms, art gallery, and other uses.

In 1887 the Simpson College Board of Trustees voted to build a residence hall for young woman but agreed not to start construction until at least \$10,000 of the estimated \$15,000 construction cost had been raised. Vice President Fletcher Brown (President, 1892-98) devised a plan to name the 32 sleeping rooms after donors who pledged \$250; it took two years of hard work to accomplish the fund raising goal. Willis Proudfoot drew up plans for the new building and E. W. Fortney and Son were awarded the contract to build in 1889. Approximately 90,000 bricks were used to build the massive fortress-like three story building. The ground floor included a dining hall; the first floor featured an attractive lounge (where young men could visit), the matron’s suite, and sleeping rooms; the top floor contained additional sleeping accommodations. Under the pitched attic there was storage area.

After remodeling, on November 8, 1908, Ladies Boarding Hall was renamed “Mary Berry Hall” after a “one of Simpson’s most loved and respected undergraduates.” On January 28, 1902, Mary Berry, died from complications after surgery for appendicitis. For years she had suffered the same congenital disease that took her father, Thomas S. Berry, President, Simpson College 1878-80, when she was only three. After her mother died a few months later, Mary Berry was raised until age 10 by her uncle and aunt Captain and Mrs. B.C. Berry and then by the William H. Berry family. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta and, when she died, left half of her \$3,622.12 estate to Simpson College for the purchase of scientific equipment.” The Berry family played an important role in the early development and success of Simpson College.

Source: **Beneath the Whispering Maples: The History of Simpson College** by Joseph W. Walt, Simpson College Press, 1995

GEORGE & CATHY HLADKY’S BOUND ISSUES OF THE INDIANOLA REMINDER HAVE BEEN DONATED TO WCHS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.



MA TUCKER MATRON LADIES’ HALL

1940 SNOWBALLING INCIDENT

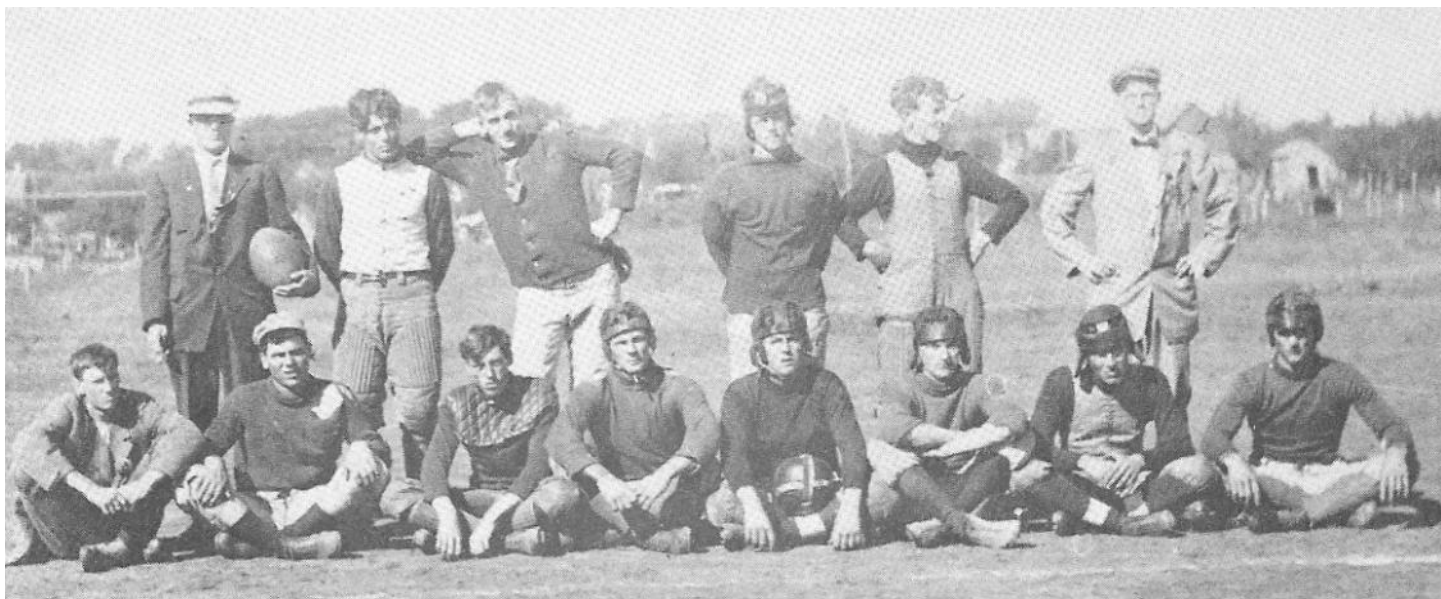
Thirty-three Indianola junior high boys and girls received three blows each from a leather strap for disobeying written and verbal directives not to throw snowballs in front of the school building where people pass. The snowballing incident occurred at recess Tuesday noon, February 20, 1940. Four teachers—Thomas Anderson, Vaughn Manners, George Dorr, and James Kennedy— administered the punishment. Several parents protested and met with school authorities. Superintendent W. H. Hoyman, said he did not approve of the whipping. The School Board quickly adopted new rules on whipping indicating that corporal punishment should be rare and administered only in very exceptional cases. The new rules stated that corporal punishment should be approved and under the direction of the principal [Walter Townsend] and that no student should be punished in front of other students.



According to the February 23, 1940 issue of **The Indianola Record**, the following students were disciplined: Dale Downey, Homer Needles, Carroll Norris, Bob Crabb, Ralph Dunn, Blaine Shupe, Clyde Jones, Bob Heavilin, Charles Stockton, Bud Morris, Bob Mock, Landes Poling, Ivan Carpenter, Russell Murray, Duane Clark, Bob Sones, Carmen Ferree, Bill Beck, Paul Jones, Bob Smith, Don Parsons, Bob Parsons, Bob Haworth, Bill Hoover, Jim Labertew, David Pickard, Carolyn Anderson, Max Hill, Mary Van Vliet, Betty Lee Smith, and Norman and Laverne Hooper. Jean Burrows and Donna Lea Duncan turned themselves in when they heard their classmates were being punished.

Teacher Manners explained the students were punished for disobeying school rules, not snowballing. “Children who do not learn obedience and obey rules may become anarchists,” he asserted. He also claimed that some children laughed at the punishment then went home and told their parents who became incensed.

LACONA FOOTBALL



Lacona Football, 1912. Back Row: Jake Smith, Randal Kessler, Paul Bowles, Ray Shupe, Billy Goode, Otto Bennet, Front Row: Otto Sones, Ben Williams, Fred Hoffman, Frank McClure, Leo Kessler, George Williams, Jim Kimsey, Dave Williams

HELP CREATE A WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COOKBOOK

We are creating a WCHS Cookbook as a fundraiser in 2010. We need your help. Please share your favorite recipes with us. Fill out the following form and return to the Warren County Historical Society by May 15th. You may submit as many recipes as you wish. If there is a family or prize winning story about a particular recipe, please share this with us. Examples: recipe came from Grandma Moses and we had it every Thanksgiving; this recipe won a blue ribbon at the Iowa State Fair; I created this recipe to meet my son's special dietary needs; this recipe came from the Methodist Church and became a family favorite; this is a healthy low fat alternative; etc.

RECIPE NAME: _____

COMMENTS: _____

INGREDIENTS: _____

DIRECTIONS: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

FIRST WCHS 2010 MEETING
***SOUP SUPPER**
Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 pm

The Iowa History Center at Simpson Presents:
Douglas Bauer, and his memoir: *Prairie City, Iowa*
Three Seasons at Home
Lekberg Hall, Simpson College
Tuesday, March 30
7:00 pm

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET

Checking balance as of 1-1-2010	\$ 10,893.58
Receipts	
General Fund	
Donations	2,500.00
Rent	1,000.00
Copies	700.00
Membership	400.00
Warren County Board of Supervisors Appropriation	765.00
Memorials	800.00
Indianola PTO	500.00
City of Indianola for Handicap Access	1,000.00
Grant for Brochures	800.00
Grant for Handicap Accessibility	4,800.00
Total General Fund Receipts	\$ 13,265.00
Log Cabin Festival Receipts	10,000.00
Grand Total of all Receipts	\$ 23,265.00
Disbursements	
General Fund	
Bank lock box	33.00
Post Office rent	100.00
Mowing	825.00
Telephone	775.00
Lights, water, sewer	3,400.00
Gas	3,500.00
Insurance	3,500.00
Postage	1,000.00
Supplies	100.00
Software & training	500.00
Chamber of Commerce Dues	50.00
*Handicap Entrance	6,000.00
Brochures	800.00
Newsletters	1,600.00
Total General Fund Disbursements	\$ 22,183.00
Log Cabin Festival Disbursements	\$ 4,000.00
Warren County Modular RR-Grant	1,467.35
Total for all Disbursements	\$ 27,650.35
Balance 12/31/2010	\$ 6,508.23

This is our proposed 2010 WCHS Budget. Please study. We will vote on this proposal at our March meeting. **Note: Starred Handicap Entrance.** We have applied to the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership for a grant to make the southwest outdoor entrance to the WCHS Meeting Room and Research Library handicap accessible for persons with wheelchairs, walkers, or limited mobility. This is the only entrance open year-round to staff, visitors, and researchers using the meeting room or library. Our security pad is located by this door so persons must enter here to open and disable the alarm system. We want to create a cement ramp with 1 5/8 inch round metal railings that will make this entrance come into compliance with federal standards for handicapped accessibility. The cement ramp at the northwest museum entrance does not meet federal guidelines because it is too steep.

FROM RUTH HALL: LIBRARY REPORT

Cris Nagla has spent many winter hours organizing information from files into over 30 subject binders. She also hopes to have the probate records on-line in April. Thank you Cris for all your many volunteer hours.

Juanita Ott continues to enter information into Past Perfect on the computer and help visitors in the library.

Judy Richards has also entered information into the computer and has typed and organized many handwritten items such as the "Poor Farm" records and a collection of Warren County resident's stories found in the library. This makes fragile items easier to read.

Library Researchers:

Girl Scout Troop 225 is researching Indianola Square Business' Histories

Ray & Jane Wallace are researching R. Wallace and Leola Starbuck

Lucy Bales is researching Frank Spangler and the time he was a partner in McCoy Hardware

Don Mills is researching Elias Mills

If you have any information about these people, let us know.

Want to volunteer to type, index, or help in some other way, CALL 961-8085.

We are open Thursdays 9-4 and Saturday 9-12. Visit the library to see what has been done and read some of our interesting items.