

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Some of our members have been writing that they are enjoying our newsletters. We are happy to hear this.

We appreciate the recipes that many of you have sent to us. We have quite a variety, but need many more to make a cook book possible. The village of Cherry Valley is going to have a rummage sale on May 13th and 14th. We will have one on these days also. On May 15th we will venture to Beloit for our spring trip to visit a historical home, etc. We are planning a potluck for members and their spouses or guests July 10 at 1 pm (Sunday). We will sponsor an ice cream social following the picnic from 2 to 4 pm. These will be held at the pavilion behind the tennis courts by the Kishwaukee River.

"A marriage announcement" by Delores Moore (secretary) "Arthur Eldridge Keep of Cherry Valley, Illinois and Maude Della Hensel of Rockford, Illinois will be married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1912 in Belvidere, Illinois." I really miss them and I loved them dearly. They were Delores's grandparents.

The following former Cherry Valley residents have died since the last newsletter:

Florence I. Totten McMillin (84) February 13
Edwin W. Nelson (93) March 3
Edward L. Strawn (72) March 5

Don't forget the homecoming reunion on Saturday, July 30th from 11am to 4 pm. We would appreciate it if you could bring pictures, scrapbooks, etc. to share in our tent of memories. Also, we would be happy to receive any items that you would be willing to donate for our museum.

Rockford Gazette April 1869 - On Tuesday of last week, Cherry Valley had a bloody ballot. Quite a crowd was gathered at the school to vote on appropriations for a bridge to replace the one tom down by the flood of last year. During the voting, it was learned that regardless of the outcome, the plans for the bridge were already fixed and that the voting was to just be a formality. Tempers flared, small bouts broke out and one man drew his pistol and jumped up on a desk so his opinion could be heard. It was followed by gun shots in the air and bullets puncturing the walls. As the men grew angrier, it became one big brawl. Ninety men slugging it out, tearing up poll books, and breaking ballot boxes. It was early morning before order could be restored and a true secret ballot election take place. Author unknown.

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