

Howell Area Historical Society

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From the President's Desk

Spring has arrived and we look forward to the opening of the Museum. Volunteers have worked diligently over the winter months to prepare our 2017 WWI Exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the United States' involvement in World War One. Our exhibit details the vitally important role the Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette Railroads played in both our local and the national war effort.

The above parade photograph shows how dedicated Howell, its people and businesses were to the war effort. The signs "Our Pistons are flying "Over There" and "We put the Hun on the Run" on the industrial floats display proudly their contributions.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the Howell Red Cross Chapter which continues to serve our community with blood drives, disaster relief and training and certification.

It takes approximately \$5,000 annually just to maintain the 1886 Depot and property. This amount does not include major items that are needed such as the new heating plant which will add about \$9,000 to this years expenses. Please consider supporting the preservation efforts the Historical Society with your membership, financial support and with your time and talent. This historic property is far too valuable to our city's history to lose.

James "Rudy" Rudolph, President

OFF TO WAR

The selective service act of 1917 authorized the federal government to raise a national army for the American entry into World War I through compulsory enlistment. The act was brought to President Woodrow Wilson shortly after the break in relations with Germany in February 1917. It had become clear that any participation by the United States in the conflict in Europe would require a far larger army. While the president at first wished to use only volunteers to supply the troops needed to fight, it soon became clear that this would be impossible. When war was declared,

Wilson asked for the army to increase to a force of one million. Indeed, six weeks after war was declared, only 73,000 had volunteered for service. Wilson accepted the recommendation by Secretary of War for a draft. By the guidelines set down by the Selective Service Act, all males aged 21 to 30 were required to register for military service. At the request of the War Department, Congress amended the law in August 1918 to expand the age range to include all men 18 to 45. By the end of World War I, some 2 million men volunteered for various branches of the armed services, and some 2.8 million had been drafted. This meant that more than half of the almost 4.8 million Americans who served in the armed forces were drafted. Due to the effort to incite a patriotic attitude, the World War I draft had a high success rate.



Above: Calling attention to the Military Draft Banquet advertised in the west window of the Weimeister building, Harvey Brockway playing the bass, Bill Trowbridge on the snare and Charles Ayers joined others in the spirit of patriotism.



Above: Draftees and enlistees file past Walnut Street on their way to the court house. (the building on the right is now Main street Winery)

OFF TO WAR



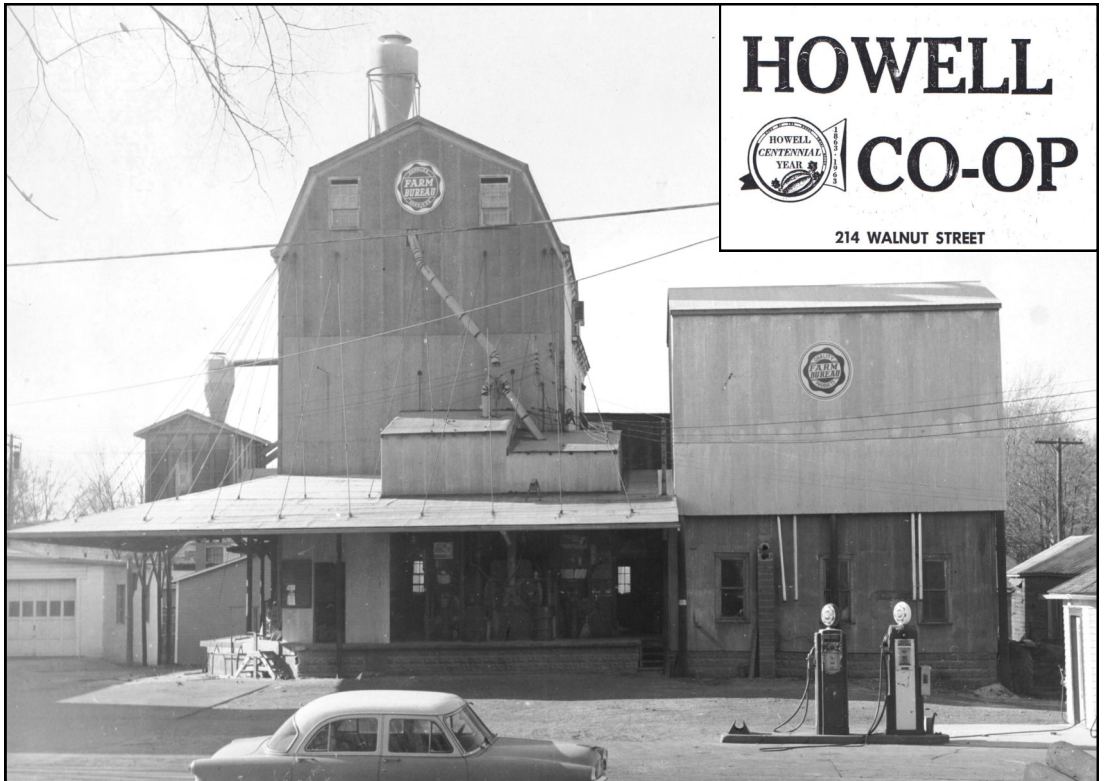
Above: Gathering on Grand River at the Court house for the final march to the train station for good-byes and farewells.
Below: Crowds gather at the Pere Marquette Station to send the boys off to war.



DOWN THE STREET - 100 YEARS AGO

In 1917 during World War I, the Howell Co-op was born as prices were soaring higher day by day and all business was taking larger and larger margins of profits.

Because of this, a small group of farmers met on the west Courthouse steps one moonlit night to take the matter in their own hands. They organized a meeting of approximately 600 agriculturists, including stock men and fruit growers, and held a meeting at the local grange. It was there all agreed to organize the Howell Co-operative. Ernest Lawson was named manager and paid at a rate of \$2.50 per day.



The buildings at that time consisted of a grist mill, feed and flour mills. The co-op sold farm and garden equipment, seed and feed, provided processing and grinding services and helped farmers buy and sell livestock, dairy, grain and other goods.

The Howell Co-op was located on Walnut Street, in front of what is now the Historical Society's Depot Museum.

While Thompson's Mill was located on Thompson Lake at Michigan Avenue and M-59, in later years additional mill and grain elevators were built near the railroad depot.



Notice the flour mill behind these individuals waiting at the Ann Arbor Train Station, the corner of Wetmore and Walnut. A spur ran up Walnut Street and partial remnants of that spur remain to the west of the Depot.

DOWN THE STREET - 100 YEARS AGO

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A new modern service station was built in 1962 serving the community with quality Farm Bureau products. In 1963, the organization was 2,000 members strong.

After 61 years of operation, on October 2, 1978, the board unanimously voted to dissolve the Howell Co-Operative and the property was sold. C. N. Holkins and Son Lumber Company purchased the store and mill, the balance of the property was sold to Livingston County Farm Bureau.



MUSIC PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN WORLD WAR I

Throughout World War I, music was a prominent feature on the home fronts and the battlefields. Most homes had a piano, and at least one member of each family knew how to play it, providing a common form of entertainment and socialization. Popular music, therefore, saturated the citizenry and reached into all of its corners, forming a great medium for conveying messages. Recognizing this capability, governments often used it as an effective means for inspiring fervor, pride, patriotism, and action in the citizens in order to gain manpower, homeland support, and funds.

Composers and publishers co-operated and adopted these new musical motifs with which to earn money from a large population rallied by war and eager to respond to the sentiments by purchasing the pro-war music.

Besides these incentives, composers and publishers often wrote music to promote their personal wartime sentiments. Music during World War I was often used to inspire passion and voluntary compliance in the listeners and, occasionally, shame in those who didn't support the war. Much of the music distributed during World War I greatly influenced social and political attitudes of private citizens and governments.

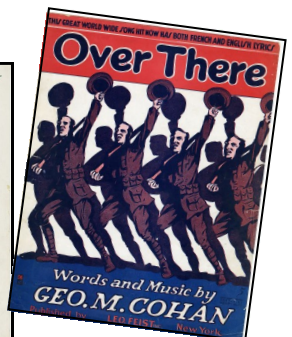
"America's war songs and sea songs have played their part as incentives to patriotism, to enlistment in the ranks, to valor in the field and on the sea, and have served to inspire and cheer the fighting forces of the Republic. Love of country, together with a pride in its institutions, smolders in the breast of all mankind. Such is the birth of patriotic music. No country, as history proves, can afford to ignore the patriotic force capable of being brought into play through the power of music, either in song or in instrumental form, both of which performed their part in inciting to action.

Your Song—My Song—Our Boys' Song **OVER THERE**



Popular WWI Era Music

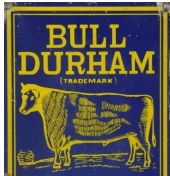
It's a Long Way to Tipperary
Keep the Home Fires Burning
There's a Long, Long Trail
Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag
Til the Clouds Roll By
Oh, Johnny, Oh, Johnny, Oh
K-K-K-Katy
Til we meet again
Smiles



IQ TESTS GO TO WAR—MEASURING INTELLIGENCE IN THE ARMY

The army's use of intelligence tests during World War I lent new credibility to the emerging profession of psychology, even as it sparked public debate about the validity of the tests and their implications for American democracy. Intelligence testing influenced American society long after the war that had launched it. The tests were revised for use in schools. Intelligence testings were also widely invoked by those who pressed successfully to restrict immigration to the United States.

Match your wits with World War I-era recruits with questions from actual army intelligence tests.



1. Bull Durham is the name of a

- A. chewing gum
- B. aluminum ware
- C. tobacco
- D. clothing

2. Seven-up is played with

- A. rackets
- B. cards
- C. pins
- D. dice



3. The Merino is a kind of

- A. horse
- B. sheep
- C. goat
- D. cow

4. The most prominent industry of Minneapolis is

- A. flour
- B. packing
- C. automobiles
- D. brewing



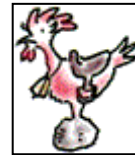
5. Garnets are usually

- A. yellow
- B. orange
- C. green
- D. red



6. The Orpington is a kind of

- A. fowl
- B. horse
- C. granite
- D. cattle



7. George Ade is famous as a

- A. baseball player
- B. comic artist
- C. actor
- D. author

8. Soap is made by

- A. B. T. Babbitt
- B. Smith & Wesson
- C. W. L. Douglas
- D. Swift & Co.



9. Laura Jean Libbey is known as a

- A. singer
- B. suffragist
- C. writer
- D. army nurse

10. An air-cooled engine is used in the

- A. Buick
- B. Packard
- C. Franklin
- D. Ford

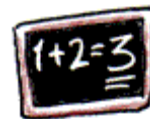


11. A house is better than a tent, because

- A. it costs more
- B. it is more comfortable
- C. it is made of wood

12. Why does it pay to get a good education?

- A. it makes a man more useful and happy
- B. it makes work for teachers
- C. it makes demand for buildings for schools and colleges



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IQ TESTS GO TO WAR—MEASURING INTELLIGENCE IN THE ARMY (CONT)



13. If the grocer should give you too much money in making change, what is the right thing to do?

- A. buy some candy off him with it
- B. give it to the first poor man you meet
- C. tell him of his mistake



15. If you saw a train approaching a broken track you should

- A. telephone for an ambulance
- B. signal the engineer to stop the train
- C. look for a piece of rail to fit in



17. It is better to fight than to run, because

- A. cowards are shot
- B. it is more honorable
- C. if you run you may get shot in the back



19. Why do some men who could afford to own a house live in a rented one? Because

- A. they don't have to pay taxes
- B. they don't have to buy a rented house
- C. they can make more by investing the money the house would cost

14. Why should food be chewed before swallowing?

- A. it is better for the health
- B. it is bad manners to swallow without chewing
- C. chewing keeps the teeth in condition



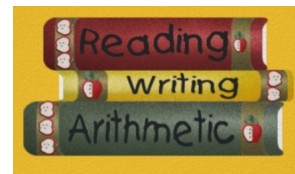
16. If you are lost in a forest in the daytime, what is the thing to do?

- A. hurry to the nearest house you know of
- B. look for something to eat
- C. use the sun or a compass for a guide



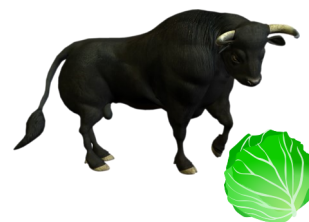
18. Why should all parents be made to send their children to school? Because

- A. it prepares them for adult life
- B. it keeps them out of mischief
- C. they are too young to work



20. Why is beef better food than cabbage? Because

- A. it tastes better
- B. it is more nourishing
- C. it is harder to obtain



I.Q. Testing - Reception Center

Administered to groups of soldiers, the IQ test was used in World War I to classify recruits and to determine which of them were "officer material." It was a requirement of all enlistees. The US military administered testing to 1.75 million army recruits.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

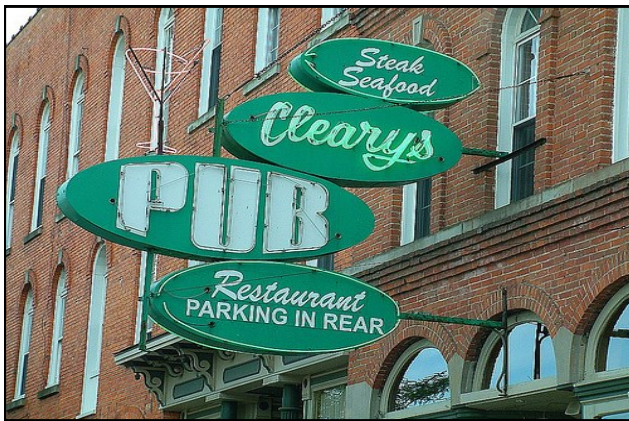


American Red Cross

Celebrating 100 years - Red Cross Livingston Chapter

The Livingston County chapter was founded by the Livingston County Women's Club in 1917. Prior to the First World War, the Red Cross introduced its first aid, water safety, and public health nursing programs. With the outbreak of war, the organization experienced phenomenal growth. Red Cross staffed hospitals and ambulance companies and recruited 20,000 registered nurses to serve the military. After the war, the Red Cross focused on service to veterans and enhanced their programs in safety training, accident prevention, home care for the sick, and nutrition education.

Today, the supporters, volunteers and employees of the American Red Cross provide compassionate care in five critical areas: People affected by disasters in America, Support for members of the military and their families, Blood collection, processing and distribution, Health and safety education and training and International relief and development



Happy 30th Anniversary - Cleary's Pub is a family owned restaurant established in 1987. Offering nightly specials and live entertainment on Friday and Saturday in the bar, providing an original, friendly and relaxed atmosphere for guests to enjoy!

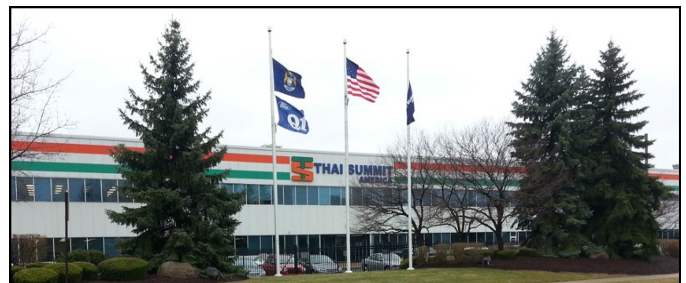
Happy 15th Anniversary



Uptown Coffee House is a locally owned, independent, specialty coffee retailer right in the heart of downtown Howell.

Focusing on offering a variety of top notch food and beverages while providing exceptional service and a comfortable gathering spot for the community.

Happy 30th anniversary - Thai Summit Established in Howell in 1987 with the goal of supporting the sheet metal stamping and assembly needs of our North American customers. Currently the company is the national leader in motorcycle parts, automobile parts, agricultural machinery parts and electrical appliance parts with over thirty affiliated companies within the group.



Celebrating 50 years - Schafer's House of Music, located in downtown Howell offers Sales & Service of Band Instruments, Guitars, Bass Guitars, Amplifiers, String Instruments, Pianos, Digital Keyboards, Sheet Music, Lesson Music, Music Software, and Private Music Lessons on most Instruments.



C A B O O S E N E W S

Spring has arrived, at least on the calendar. The Caboose Crew is getting organized for the 2017 season. If you would like to help with this project, we would love to have you join us. Whether you consider yourself skilled or unskilled, there are jobs for everyone from paint brushes to hammers, from brooms to detail work. If interested in helping, let us know.

Give us a call: 517-548-6876 or howellareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



1. C.	2. B.	3. B.	4. A.	5. D.	6. A.	7. D.	8. A.	9. C.	10. C.	11. B.	12. A.
13. C.	14. A.	15. B.	16. C.	17. B.	18. A.	19. C.	20. B.				

More ways than ever to support the Historical Society

~ Save your VG's Receipts for the Society ~

~ Register your Kroger Card ~ Shop Smile.amazon.com ~
select Howell Area Historical Society as your organization to support

Kroger Community Rewards brought over \$452.00 in donations to the Historical Society in 2016.

- Just a reminder -

April is Kroger rewards renewal month, please renew your support for the society!

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COMING
EVENTS**May 20th
Food Truck
Rally**

noon - 3pm
Wetmore Street
Parking Lot

While you are
in the
neighborhood,
stop by the
Depot Museum
for a visit.

**May 29th
Memorial
Day Parade**

steps off at
10am in front
of the Howell
Library. Parade
ends at Lake-
view Cemetery
where ceremony
takes place.

**June 17th
Depot Open
House**

9am - 1pm
followed by
Author Visit
2pm at Library

**June 23 - 25
Michigan
Challenge
Balloonfest**
8am - 10pm

Howell Area Historical Society

Saturday, June 17th**9:00^{am} - 1:00^{pm}****1917 -2017 Centennial of World War I****Howell goes to War**
new exhibits

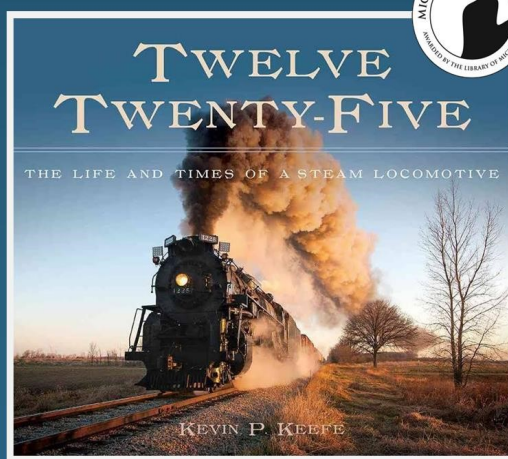
Join us at the Depot Museum
128 Wetmore St.

2:00pm**in the Meabon Room**

Former *Trains* Editor Kevin P. Keefe
will discuss his new book and share the
history of Pere Marquette 1225, made
famous for its mainline excursions and
the model for the steam locomotive in
the blockbuster movie,
"Polar Express."



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The Howell Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Your donation is a tax deductible contribution.

Our updated website gives us the opportunity to share more history, our current projects,
and to preserve memories shared with the society.

You can even renew your membership, purchase a "This Place Matters" brick, drop us a email,
sign up as a volunteer or make a donation online.

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