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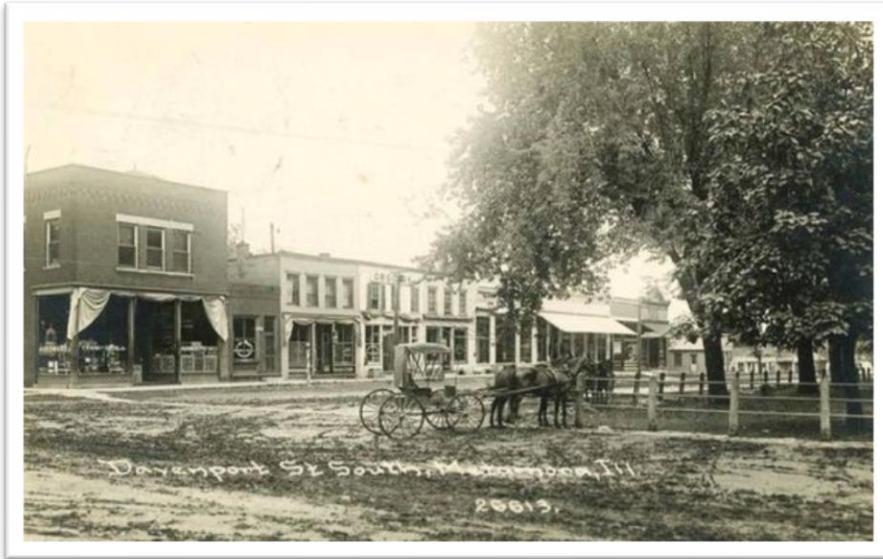
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NORTHEAST CORNER OF TH SQUARE

Note the old iron pipe hitching rail around the Square. It was removed in 1923.

Brick streets were installed in 1915.

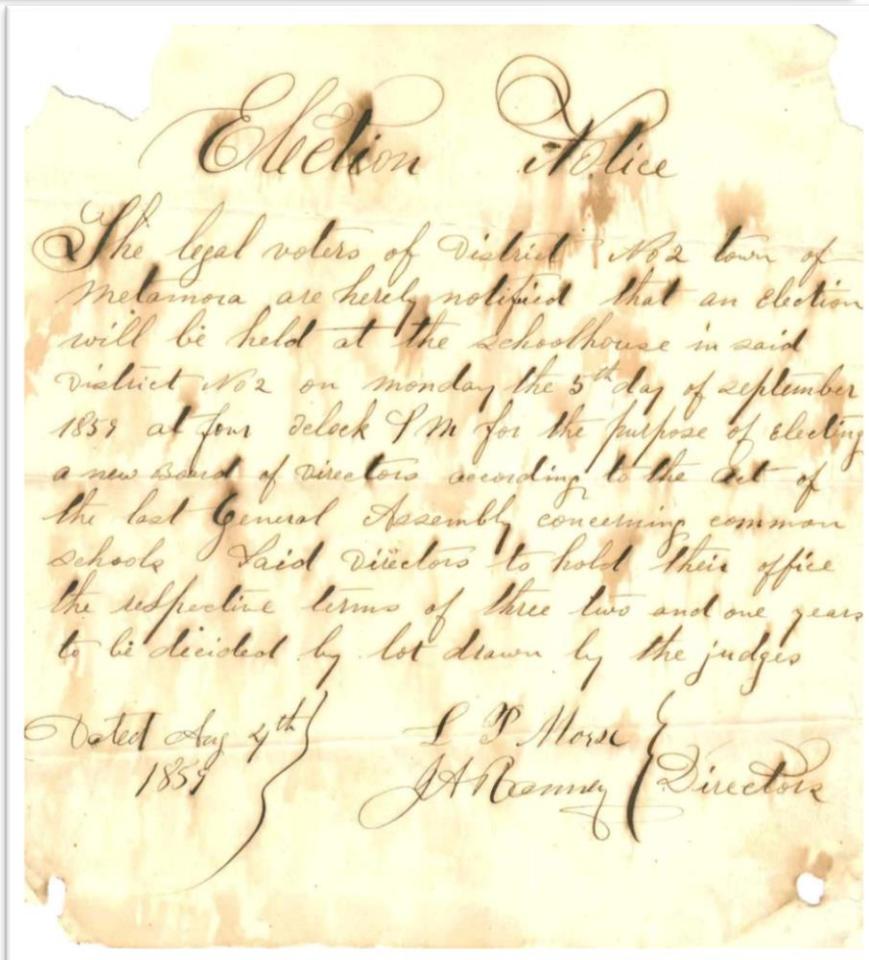


School Board Election 1859

With the election season upon us, thought you might enjoy seeing what a school board election in 1859 was handled.

Note that the Directors were Mr. Morse and Mr. Ranney. Both of these pioneers were involved both in early education efforts as well as Underground Railroad activities.

Does anyone have any information where 'District 2' and "the schoolhouse" were?



The Spanish Flu

From the October 11, 1918 Metamora Herald

From Wikipedia:

The **Spanish flu** (also known as the **1918 flu pandemic**^[2]) was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic. Lasting from January 1918 to December 1920, it infected 500 million people—about a quarter of the world's population at the time.^[1] The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million^[3] to 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.^{[4][5]}

To maintain morale, World War I censors minimized early reports of illness and mortality in Germany, the United Kingdom, France, and the United States.^[6]^[failed verification] Newspapers were free to report the epidemic's effects in neutral Spain, such as the grave illness of King Alfonso XIII, and these stories created a false impression of Spain as especially hard hit.^[7] This gave rise to the pandemic's nickname, "Spanish flu".^{[8][9]} Historical and epidemiological data are inadequate to identify with certainty the pandemic's geographic origin, with varying views as to the origin.^[1]

Wikipedia

WOODFORD COUNTY IN GRIP OF EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

Schools, Churches, Showhouses and all Public Meetings and Social Gatherings Ordered Discontinued by State Board of Health and Local Authorities Until Epidemic Abates

FIVE CITIZENS DIE IN COUNTY AND 3 IN CAMPS

THE WEEK'S TOLL

Geo. U. Alig, Metamora
Roy Brubaker, Eureka,
Edward Martin, Roanoke
Wm. Bents, Secor
Louis Zoss, U. S. Navy,
Geo. Helton, Camp Grant
Geo. Moser, Camp Grant
W. H. Roseborough, Eureka

Two hundred and fifty cases of so-called Spanish influenza were reported yesterday in the Metamora territory by Dr. J. I. Knoblauch, and with new cases developing every day the situation is alarming, to say the least. The same state of affairs exists in other parts of the county, with no abatement in sight.

Five deaths have occurred within Woodford county during the week and three deaths of Woodford county boys have occurred in army and navy camps.

Schools and Churches Close

The Metamora board of health took prompt steps to prevent spread of the disease last Thursday night when schools and the picture house were ordered closed. Later the order was placed upon the churches. No church services will be held in Metamora next Sunday, nor until the order is removed, and the board of health is advising, though its jurisdiction does not extend outside the village that all church services and gatherings of all kinds be suspended until the epidemic has passed. All country schools around Metamora closed Monday.

Dr. Knoblauch Overworked

Dr. Knoblauch, Metamora's sole physician, since Dr. Barth has been invalidated, is taking care of a vast territory alone and has been working day and night for nearly two weeks, and if he were not blessed with an iron constitution he would have been exhausted days ago.

State Man Hare Wednesday

A representative of the state board of health was in Metamora Wednesday, conferring upon the situation in this vicinity. He pointed out that all cases of influenza must be reported to the local board of health, either by telephone or in writing. The report shall state the name, address, age and occupation of the patient, the date of onset of disease, school attended, if any, and the precautions taken to prevent spread of infection. The name and address of the person making the report must also be given. The patient must be kept in a large, well-ventilated room, remote from other occupants of the premises if practicable. Only necessary nurses or medical attendants will be permitted to enter the patient's room, and the nurse or attendant should wear a gauze mask over the nose and mouth. These regulations shall be observed until three days after the fever leaves the patient. Public funerals are permissible but the body must be embalmed and kept in a tight casket. If the remains are to be viewed a glass covered top must be used. All persons violating the rules are subject to a fine of \$200 for each offense or imprisonment in the county jail for six months, or both.

INFLUENZA ORDER

In order to limit the spread of Epidemic Influenza and protect the public against its ravages the following order is promulgated:
Public and parochial schools, entertainments, moving picture shows, churches, dance halls, lodge meetings, and all other places of public meetings in the Village will be closed until further notice is given.
Board of Health, Metamora, Ill.

Cazenovia Mourns Sailor Boy

Louis Zoss, son of Mrs. Zoss of Cazenovia, who was in the naval service, aboard the U. S. S. Alabama, died in the Brooklyn naval hospital Monday morning, of pneumonia, resulting from influenza. The body has been shipped to Cazenovia and was expected to arrive this morning, when funeral services will be held.

Edward Martin Dies

Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, died Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Martin near Roanoke, where he was working, following an illness of influenza and pneumonia.

Minonk Boy Dies at Grant

George Helton of Minonk who had been at Camp Grant but ten days, died there of Spanish influenza. The body was brought to Minonk for burial Tuesday. Deceased leaves a wife and three children.

Roanoke Army Boy Dies

George W. Moser, son of John Moser of near Roanoke, who was inducted into army service in the September call, died at Camp Grant Sunday night of pneumonia resulting from influenza.

Eureka Undertaker Dies

W. H. Roseborough, member of the furniture and undertaking firm of Wright & Roseborough of Eureka, passed away Thursday morning of pneumonia, resulting from influenza. The deceased's wife is very sick with the same disease.

Secor Young Man Dies

William Bents, aged 20, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bents of Secor, died Monday in the Eureka hospital. He was born at Secor and lived there his entire life. Besides his parents, he is survived by four brothers and four sisters.

Lowpoint Physician Down

Dr. Burdon, the Lowpoint physician who has been in a serious condition during the week suffering from pneumonia, is improving, it was stated yesterday. Mrs. Burdon is also sick, with influenza.

P. K. TERRY DIES IN PEORIA

Old Resident of Spring Bay and Metamora Succumbs

The body of Peter K. Terry, former resident of Spring Bay and Metamora, will be taken from Peoria to Spring Bay today, where at 10 o'clock this morning burial will

PVT. ALVIN F. SCHUPP
Metamora



Pvt. Alvin Schupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Schupp of Metamora, is with American troops in Australia.



Cadet Donald J. Noe



CPL. HAROLD A. GARBER

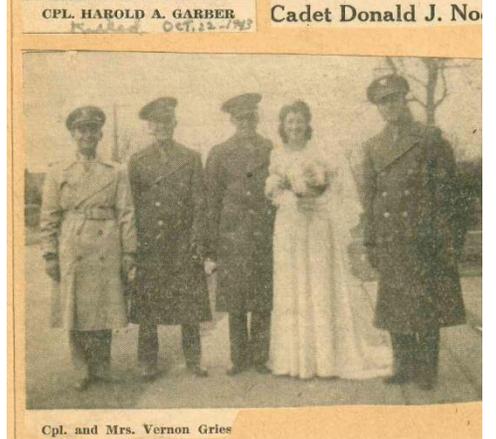
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VINCENT J. HEINZ



CPL. HAROLD A. GARBER

Cadet Donald J. Noe

Cpl. and Mrs. Vernon Gries



Miss Anna Noe,



MISS EVELYN ROHMAN and Donald Whittington were married June 7 at St. Mary's church in Metamora. (Rembrandt photo.)



MISS ROBERTA MICHAEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Michael, was married recently to Florentins P. Grebner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Grebner, all of Metamora. (Rembrandt photo).

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ANNOUNCEMENT IS being made by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rohman of Metamora of the engagement of their daughter, Hilda, to Donald Harbers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harbers



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rohman of Metamora announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette, to Kenneth L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of Manito.



Miss Mary Gries

Bell.



Top—Danny and Emory, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stockham; Charles and Michel, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDaniel; Barbara and Beverly, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bohlander; Gerald and Ronald Lee, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Noe, Peoria; John, James and David, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kern, Jr.; Jay and Jean Carol, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schertz, Lowpoint.



Top row, left to right: Bonnie, Karen and Henry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sprehe, Eureka; Joanne and Janice, twin daughters of T-5 and Mrs. Arthur Gangloff; Merlin and Marvin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kiesewetter; Arnold, Kenneth and Marjorie, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Villiger.
Bottom row, left to right: Marlene and Billy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parr; James, Betty and Mary Jane, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Schlipf; Phyllis, Kenneth and Ronnie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Volz; Jacqueline and Virginia, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collins, Peoria.

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RAY J. SCHERTZ, A.B., A.M.
LELAH ALLISON, B.E.D., A.M.
GERTRUDE TAYLOR, B.E.D., M.A.
MARGERY KRAUS, A.B.
J. AGNES MALKUS, B.E.D.
GILBERT D. VEACH, B.E.D.
GERALDINE MCGINNIS, B.E.D.
ELAINE BRYANT, B.E.D.
ROSEMARY MONNIER, B.E.D.
GERALD L. HARPER, B.E.D., B.S.

EUGENE GLAUB:
IRENE ZOSS:
ELEANOR JANE ARENDS:
DONALD STEHR:
HAROLD SCHERTZ:
HARRIET SCHERTZ:
VERNA KENNEDY:
DONALD RUTHRAUFF:

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NEIL STIVERS:
RUTH BACHMAN:
JEAN SULLIVAN:
LA VERNE SCHNEIDER:
JIM McLAUGHLIN:
MARY ANN KISEWETTER:
BETTY SCHERTZ:
MARJORIE GOETZ:

WILLARD AHRENS:
JUNE DURST:
MARJORIE HODEL:
HARLAN SLUGA:
MARJORIE WALDSCHMIDT:
JERRY JACKSON:
HUGH ABEL:
LA VONE KERKER:

PHYLLIS WILLMAN:
AUDREY PARR:
MAURICE ELBERT:
LA VERNE REYNOLDS:
MARILYN SCHERTZ:
EARL ZIMMERMAN:
JOHN SCHUMACHER:
BETTY ROHMAN:

CLASS OF 1944

MR. AND MRS. PETER SCHIEBER of Metamora, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth,

Miss Mildred Schupp.

MISS SYLVIA ANN GILLIATT'S engagement to Ted Howard Kalley,

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