

# ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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*Cedarville Area Historical Society*



## CAHS Board Picks Officers for 2013

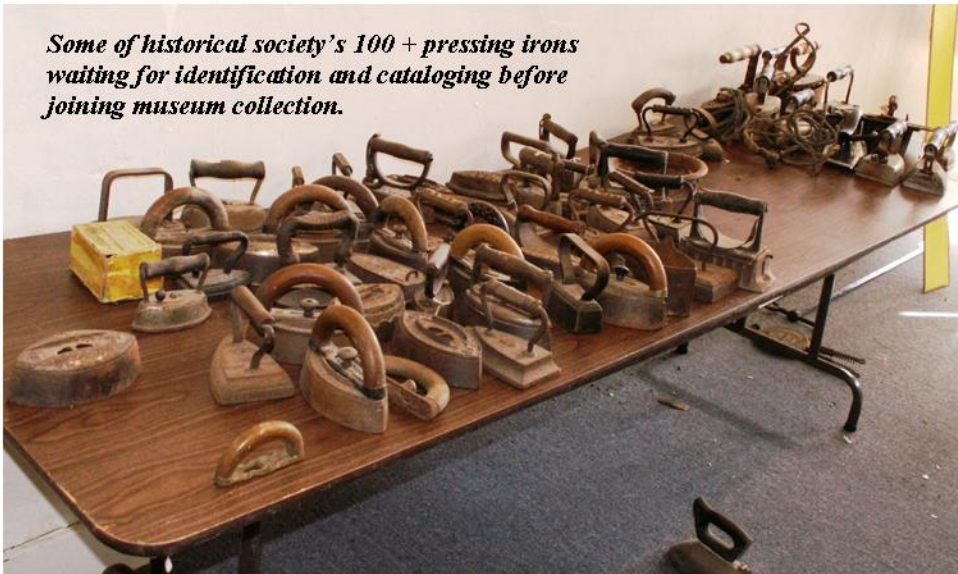
The board of directors of the Cedarville Area Historical Society at its February 12 meeting elected its officers for 2013

Jim Bade was named president, Narcissa Engle, vice president, Galen

Bertram, treasurer and Sharon Barmore, secretary. The same persons held these offices in the preceding year. They are also directors on the nine member board.

Continuing as directors are Steve Myers, Diane Hagemann, Dale Prieue, Carol Meyers and Diane Tepper.

*Some of historical society's 100 + pressing irons waiting for identification and cataloging before joining museum collection.*



*Why only 4 pages in March? Turn to back page for answer.*

## Wedding Bells Ring Out in Cedarville

By Jim Bade  
President, CAHS

While scanning an old Freeport newspaper, I ran across this wonderful story of a Cedarville wedding and its spectacular conclusion. I simply have to share it with you.

The story was in the October 5, 1882, Freeport Weekly Bulletin and I quote the first several paragraphs as the story was written to give you the flavor of society reporting in that era.

“On Tuesday at 10 a.m. there gathered at the residence of Mr. Mathias Springman, two and a half miles southwest of Cedarville, a happy party of about fifty persons to witness the ceremony whereby two hearts were made to beat as one.” (*Location: Southwest corner of Cedarville and Cockrell roads, now vacant property.*)

“At the hour appointed, the contracting parties appeared on the front porch, which faced a fine lawn, where the ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by the Rev. B. F. Pugh. The couple were attended by Mr. George Springman, brother of the bride, as bridegroom, and Miss Celia Doldorf, as bridesmaid.

“The groom Mr. Allen Kleepinger, is a fine young man, formerly of North

Hampton county, Pa. He has lived for some time in Cedarville as a carpenter by trade and is well liked by all who know him. The bride, Miss Celinda Springman, is the third daughter and a very amiable young lady.

“The groom wore a brown cloth suit and the bride a navy blue French cashmere.”

The article then continues with a long list of names of those who attended the ceremony and the gifts they gave.

The parents of the bride presented the couple with a white granite tea set, a camp rocking chair and a clock. Other gifts included a silver caster, a lantern, a linen table spread, a pickle castor, a parlor lamp, a silver butter dish, a cut glass cake dish and “a valuable spring steel single bit ax.”

The reader also learned that the “happy couple are to occupy rooms furnished ready for house keeping by the parents of the bride.” This was not unusual at that time.

This would appear to be the end of the happy event and you would expect the guests to go home. However, the news story continues:

“In the evening, the young folks met for a pleasant time when about nine o’clock the house upstairs was discovered to be

on fire. The fire was found to be in a large clothes press, in which were stored all the wearing apparel of the family not in use, all of which was burned.

“The house was somewhat damaged by cutting a hole in the roof. “

The story adds that in the excitement, the table standing at the head of the stairs with the presents on it was upset, and a number broken.

“The groom takes his loss, in connection with two of Job’s comforters on his hands, in a philosophical manner, arguing that the capture of the bride was far above the loss.”

Now that’s a wedding I’m sorry I missed.

### Need a Place to Hold A Meeting or Party?

The Cedarville Museum’s second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater is available to organizations or individuals who need comfortable facilities to hold a meeting or celebration.

The room is heated and air conditioned. Chairs and tables are available for use.

With the installation last year of the museum elevator, access to the second floor is easy for those physically handicapped.

Contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 for more information.



Carolyn Heck McKenna Angle

### Carolyn Angle, 87, Dies

Carolyn Angle died February 4 at her rural Dakota home. She was born in 1925 in Freeport to Vera and Vernon Heck.

She married the late John McKenna in 1948 and they were the parents of five daughters. She was a retired teacher with two education degrees.

In September 2007 she moved from Colorado and returned to Dakota where she married William (Bill) Angle, her high school boyfriend.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, five daughters and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. on March 2 at the Dakota Community Presbyterian Church.





*Bonnie Bade examines 1916 cotton dress prior to cleaning for exhibit.*



*Some of our antique irons*



*Phone calls, phone calls to arrange for evening programs*

*It's crunch time before the museum opens in May and everybody works. Jim Bade, CAHS president and his wife, Bonnie, are no exception. Since the president is also the newsletter editor, the dual person made an administrative decision — scrap four pages of the newsletter and concentrate on exhibits and programs for the 2013 season.*

*The museum normally has ten to twelve exhibits with three or four being new each year. This year there will be at least three new ones including a major exhibit on century old clothing of Cedarville residents.*

*The historical society tries to schedule five or six Tuesday evening programs. The goal this year is to have a minimum of five.*



*Jim Bade will determine which trivets from museum collection to exhibit.*



*Bonnie gently vacuums wool dress that will be part of the clothing exhibit. Filter on hose decreases suction to protect old fibers.*