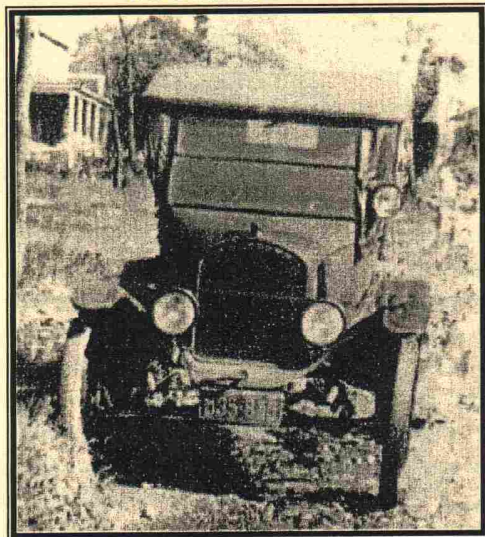


## Do You Remember?



The Tin Lizzie CRHS Archives

## The Good Old Days

In 1995, CRHS member Bob Craig interviewed his 90-year-old uncle, Thomas H. Craig Sr., formerly of Saltlick Township. Following are excerpts from that interview.

"I remember when I saw Dad pay Harry sparks \$350 for a new Model T touring car in 1917," reminisced the elder Craig. "I remember when half a beef sold for seven cents a pound (hind quarter), five cents a pound (front quarter) Strawberries were three quarts for 25 cents; 8-o'clock coffee, three pounds for 39 cents. White sugar came only in 25-pound bags. Maple sugar was made and kept in a small keg, Farmers bought salt by the 96-pound barrel. Land sold for a dollar an acre - - after the timber was cut.

"I remember when men worked 10 hours a day, six days a week and women were not allowed to vote. Mrs. Miles Hostetler was the first woman to vote at the Back Creek School. In order to vote, you had to pay a dollar poll tax.

"I remember when almost every child ran barefoot all summer, when the school term was seven months long and a child was punished by having to memorize a poem such as 'The Village Blacksmith.' In 1919, the 'Edmunds Act' gave teachers \$100 a month pay.

"I remember a straw tick was my mattress and an orange, a poke of candy, and a pair of black ribbed stockings was my Christmas present."

With the advent of today's advanced technology: microwaves, LCD TVs, laptops, iPods - - Wal-Mart - - we've got it made in the shade. Thanks for the reminder, Bob.

-- Eileene Rose

## Old Business

Winter hours at the Center are now in effect: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays by appointment. Call: 724-593-2497 or 724-423-5731

## Gifts and Donations

- Framed graphite sketch of Hurst High School -- Greg Grimm, Indian Head.
- Framed photo of local miners, Indian Head Church of God commemorative plate, Harry Spark's thermometer/calendar, 1953--Richard Miller Sr., Indian Head.
- Acme baseball team uniform, 1950s--Lois White Kinneer, West Virginia.
- Student's slate, Candy dish from Connellsville High School 30<sup>th</sup> reunion, paperweight from Connellsville High School 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, tie tack from California University--Vivian Pritts, Indian Head.
- *Fayette Co. Genealogy Project*, 22pp.--Dawne Temple, Acme.
- Photos depicting attack on Pearl Harbor--Randall Hamel, Mount Pleasant.
- Six school souvenir booklets dating from 1902-1916 from the Blair Wright estate--Geraldine Marks, Mount Pleasant.
- Forty-one piece packet of letters re: Saltlick Township's vote to stay dry, three baby photos of Eldora Kalp--Roger Pritts, Indian Head.
- Thanks also to those who gave cash donations. We appreciate it!

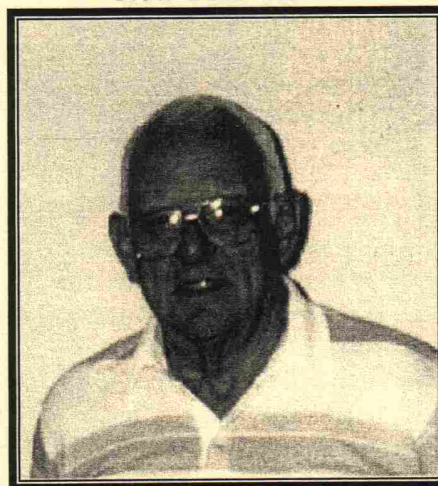
## New Members

J. Kirk Renner-Stahlstown.  
Geraldine Bitner Wright-Greensburg.  
Stephanie Knopsnider-White.  
Donald Hoke Jr.-Acme.  
Lawrence Carey-Springertown.

## In Memoriam

Grace Keslar - Donegal.  
Gretchen Weslager - Acme.

## Now You Know



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They were right! He's CRHS President Tom Dix.