

DID YOU KNOW.....

A look back at early area history as found in the archives of the Enderlin Historical Society and Museum by Susan Schlecht

Since I began this column, I have received a good amount of feedback concerning some of the articles. This week I will share the tidbits of information I have received on some of the various topics on which I had questions.

One of my articles concerned the early schools which Enderlin students attended. The pamphlet stated, "*From 1883 to 1893, children of school age living within Maple River (now Liberty) Township attended one of the four rural schools then established.*" Milton Shelver called to share information on where those four schools were located. One of the schools was located in Section 26, ½ mile east of Steve Oeder's on the south side of the road. Another school was located in Section 29 just south of Laurel Pribbenow's driveway. A third school was located about in the center of Section 8, ½ mile east and ½ mile south of where our home is located, and the fourth was located on the corner just east of the ADM plant. Mr. Shelver also noted that his father had told him that in the early days someone had made a dugout (cave) in the steep bank of the coulee west of the golf course area where the coulee turned south and then east and the person lived in the dugout. However, Mr. Shelver found no sign of it when as a youth he explored the area near their property in Section 8 but he did find lots of arrowheads in the fields. He also noted that the Enderlin Rifle Club had a shooting range down in that area at one time.

Another of my articles concerned Enderlin's own NY Yankee's pitcher, Cy Pieh. I learned from the Billing family that Cy's mother, Barbara Pieh, was a Billing who was born in Wisconsin in 1855. She married Andrew Pieh in 1883 in Waunakee, WI. I had corresponded with Curt Eriksmoen, writer for The Fargo Forum, who is also interested in early-day professional ballplayers from ND, and he located a picture of Cy Pieh in the Lethbridge, Alberta Herald. After leaving Enderlin, Cy played ball for the Lethbridge Miners in 1909 and 1910.



The article on the Lowe Nipper brought all kinds of response! Many remembered that the factory was located on High Street across from Patrick Pierce Park. Some remembered people who worked there as blacksmiths. Several people knew that part of the old building was incorporated into the house which Dr. Butzon later built and that part of the house had walls thicker than a normal house. Some remembered that the end of the sidewalk had the nipper emblem imbedded in it. Also, I learned that the nipper was manufactured in two different sizes, 14 ½ inches which weighed two pounds and 16 inches which weighed three pounds. The ads stated they were "drop forged from the best grade of tool steel" and also stated "The large opening permits cutting into level surfaces to remove objectionable matter from the hoof."

Sue's comments: Thank you to all of you who have contacted me with further information on my articles! Please feel free to continue to do so!

Watch for more history next week!