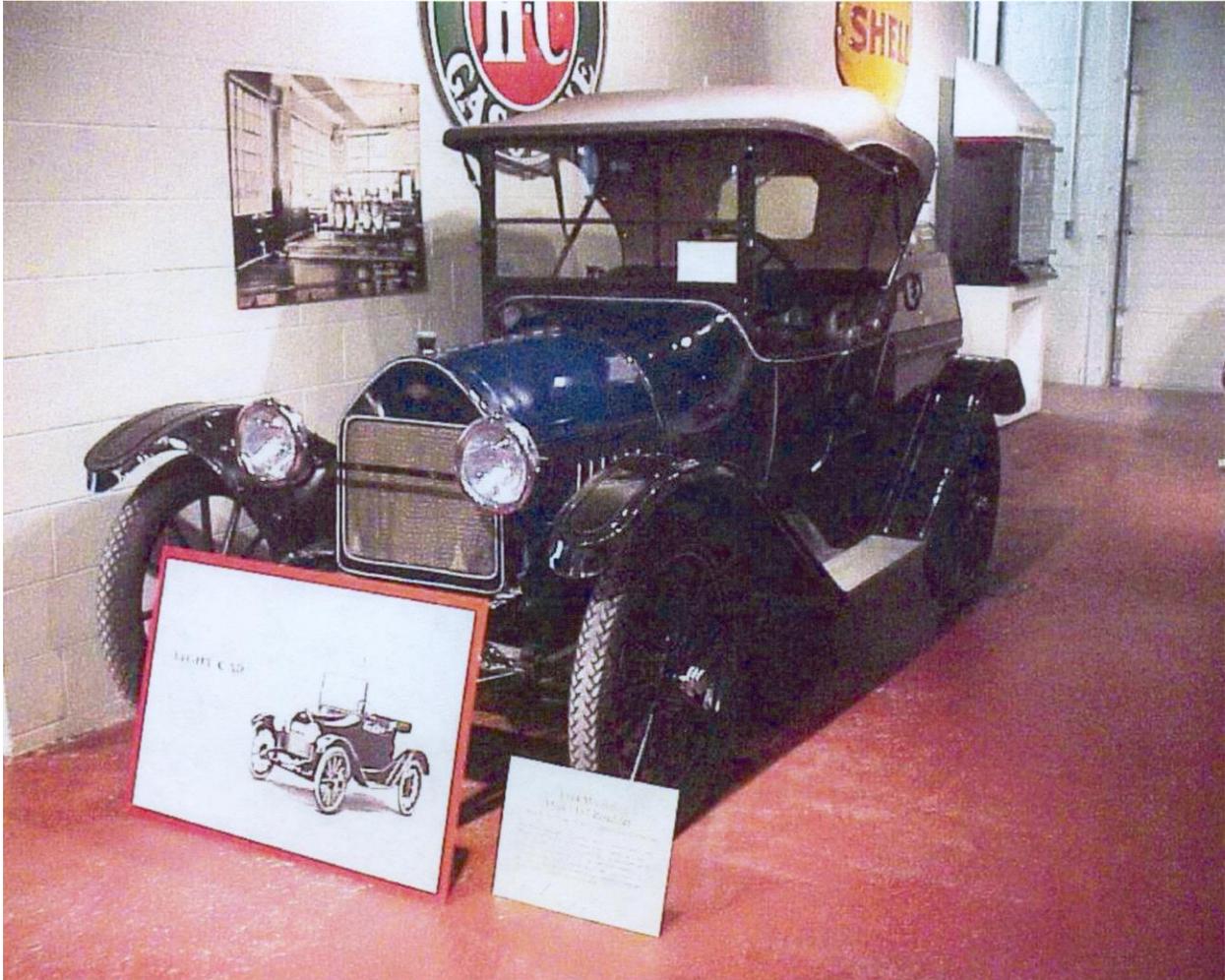


Hadley Township Historical Society-Spring-2017

Hadley Mill Museum



The Sloan Museum is loaning the Hadley Mill Museum their 1914 Monroe, model 165. This four-cylinder engine produces 14 horsepower. Billy Durant, president of Chevrolet, and R. F. Monroe, head of Monroe Body Works, began Monroe Motor Company as a joint venture in 1914. Durant served as Monroe's vice president and all of Monroe's board members were Chevrolet board members. Production of the Monroe reached about 7,000 cars between 1914 and 1916. At that time Durant and Monroe parted company and Monroe Motor Company moved to Pontiac, Michigan. Monroe automobiles were made in Pontiac from 1916 to 1918. The company then moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where cars were produced from 1918 through 1923. The last Monroe's were sold as the Premier Model B.

Your **Historical Society** has an exciting summer ahead for you, your family and friends. We begin on **May 17 at 10 a.m.** when the Sloan Museum will be delivering the Monroe automobile to our museum. Anyone who is interested is welcome to view this event.

On **May 20 at 9 a.m.** we will be cleaning the mill. We can always use your assistance on this day. We have coffee and donuts and plan to be finished by noon. There is always a layer of dust and dirt from being closed all winter. We wipe down the walls, clean the showcases, vacuum and sweep the floors and have the mill ready for people to say, "How do you keep this building so clean?"

June 1, 7 p.m. Hadley Township building

Our first program of the year will be presented by Sharna Smith. She will be discussing the history of the Vernor's estate of Vernors Ginger Ale fame. This estate was located north of Lapeer. As a special treat we will be having Vernors Ginger Ale floats.

August 3, 7 p.m. Hadley Township building

Our second program of the year will be Living Truth 2. They will present a program using antique musical instruments. This will be a lively and informative presentation of instruments that will amaze you.

The programs for September and October are open at this time.

Open dates for the Hadley Mill Museum

June 10, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

June 24, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

July 4, Tuesday: 10-3 p.m.

July 8, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

July 22, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

August 12, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

August 26, Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

October 13, Friday: 1-3 p.m.

Hadley, November 18, 1904

The telephone poles are all set and the wires are now being strung.

A large auto went through town Tuesday. We don't see them in this neck of the woods every day. It was said to be owned by parties from Ohio.

Help! Police!

Times were tough, according to a January 25, 1978 Lapeer County Press article. Who was going to furnish police protection for Hadley Township? At one time the Township had a few traffic officers who patrolled the area—mostly at night. Officers Edward Greene and Richard Schank attended the meeting along with Sheriff Carl Langley. The County had a Federal grant and was taking over the township's police protection as neither Greene nor Schank were certified. To be certified a total of 304 hours had to be taken. The township board would have liked to "work something out" but it never happened. This was the end of having local police protection. Ed Greene's jacket, badge and cap are on display at the Hadley Mill Museum.

Carpet Cleaning

The invention of carpet came about in the late 1700's but it was not until much later that the average household began to put carpet on their floors. To clean it was a major undertaking and the best way was to use a broom. Using a broom was time consuming and caused a lot of dust. Therefore all the furniture had to be covered. In 1876 Melvin Bissell invented the carpet sweeper in Grand Rapids. It didn't have a motor and is still used to this day. An electric version of the carpet sweeper appeared in 1890. In 1907, a department store janitor James Murray Spangler of Ohio invented the first portable electric vacuum

cleaner. He added suction from an electric fan that blew the dirt and dust into a soap box stapled to a broom handle. He added one of his wife's pillow cases to collect the dirt. Due to lack of funding, he sold his patent in 1908 to William Henry Hoover (his cousin) who redesigned the machine with a steel casing, castors and attachments. In 1922 the company was renamed the Hoover Company. Their first vacuum sold for \$60.00. The beater bar was added in 1919 ("it beats as it sweeps as it cleans"). The Hadley Mill Museum has in its collection three early vacuum sweepers including a Bissell. You will find them on the second floor.

Drinking Cups

Hadley school children will no longer be obliged to prostrate themselves upon the ground like Gideon's army or suspend themselves by their toes from the old willow tree to get a drink.

For years C. E. Hodgson has had a dream of what was needed at the well and he is now supervising the construction of a well-house enclosing a sanitary drinking fountain. The cement work by O.J. Pelton will be hard enough to use next week after which the cement basin will be roofed over.

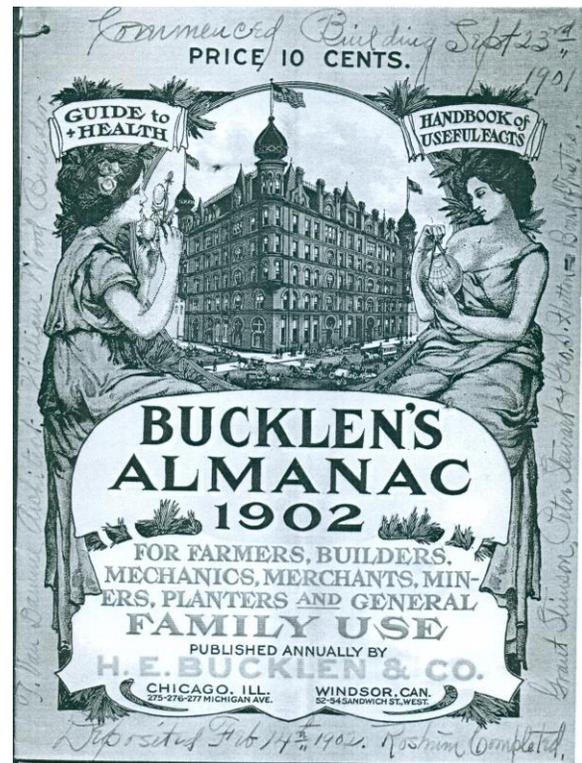
Hadley Clipper-September 8, 1915

Talking Walls

When Tim Kilgore, owner of the Hadley Corner Store, was tearing out the stage that was located on the second floor of the former Masonic building, he found a piece of Hadley's early 1900's history.

Usually, when the Mason's constructed a building, the cornerstone or keystone contained the year the building was built. In our case, it was missing. We had gone through the normal search for the

construction date but could not come up with when it was built. We were aware of the 1899 fire and the rebuilding of the Morton hardware and adjoining building being rebuilt of brick in 1901.



George S. Hutton, Hadley's druggist and chemist gave out handbooks advertising his wares. This particular issue was dated 1902. The builder had made notations around the pages stating that the building was started on September 23, 1901 and completed February 14, 1902. Grant Stimson, Peter Stewart and George S. Hutton were on the Board of Trustees. Various people including the architect, builder and master mechanic also signed their names to the publication.

This is the 100th anniversary of America's entry into **The Great War** on April 6, 1917. American troops came to be known as the "doughboys".