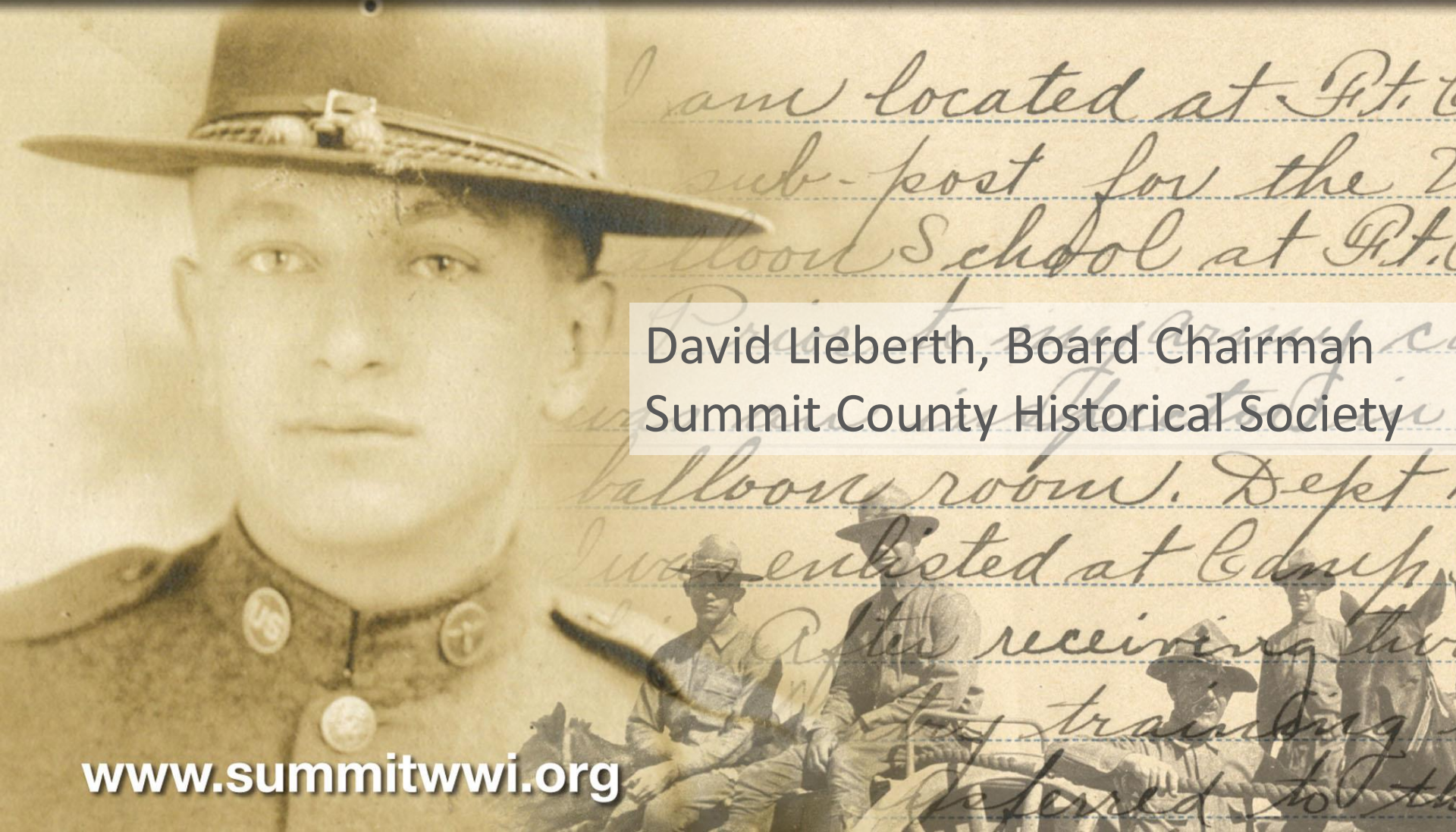


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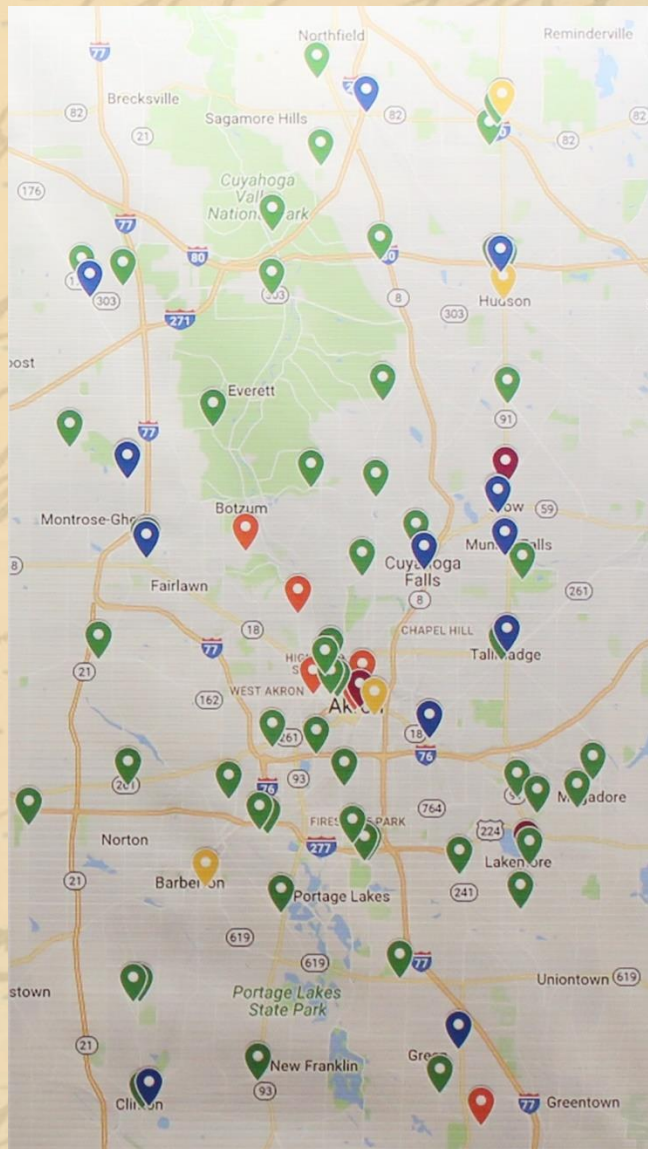


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marine war in the barred zone waters. Previously 36 lives had been lost—25 on the *Vigilancia*, and 21 on the Standard Oil tanker *Healdton*. The *Azteco* which sailed from New York for Havre on March 18, with a \$200,000 cargo, carried a crew of 39, of whom 17 including the captain were Americans.

In addition the *Azteco* carried an American guard of 13 American bluejackets to work the guns.

The *Azteco* was the first armed American ship to go through the barred zone. She bore American signals in order to make her nationality plain, the survivors said.

ONLY PATRIOTS AND TRAITORS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 3.—"In this situation there can be only patriots and traitors," says a telegram sent to President Wilson today by Edmund James, president of the University of Illinois, offering his services to the government.

ARMED REVOLT.

ROME, April 3.—An armed revolt has broken out in Serbia. News was received Tuesday from Avalona that Serbs remaining in their country have secured arms and are marching southward against the Germans and Bulgarians. The bulk of the Serbian population fled with the army when Von Mackensen's army overran Serbia and Montenegro.

MANY TAKE VOTE.

MADISON, Wis., April 3.—Over 100 cities, towns and villages in Wisconsin are voting on the liquor question today. Among the larger cities where liquor is an issue, are Madison, Eau Claire, Ashland, Beloit, Janesville, Superior, Monroe, Chippewa Falls and Kenosha.

tween the United States and Germany.

The senate adjourned at 1:04 o'clock, nine minutes after Senator Hitchcock had called the resolution up for consideration without taking any action on it.

Unprecedented confusion followed LaFollette's objection to immediate consideration of the resolution.

Senator Martin the majority leader took the floor to protest against LaFollette's objection.

"I do not believe that any other business should come before this senate until this resolution is disposed of," shouted Senator Martin.

The galleries burst into wild applause. Senators themselves cast aside all the customary dignity and joined in the din.

Vice President Marshall pounded with all his strength for order, but failed to silence the demonstration for several minutes.

When order had been restored, the vice president reproved the galleries for the outburst and warned that any further demonstration would be followed by an order to the sergeant-at-arms to drive out all spectators.

"I demand the regular order," shouted LaFollette.

Reluctantly Vice President Marshall, without comment, ruled that under the rules the resolution must go over until tomorrow as LaFollette has demanded.

Senator Martin, declining to permit any further business to be taken up until the war resolution is voted on, moved that the senate adjourn until Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Realizing that LaFollette held the whiphand temporarily, the senate

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

I, William J. Laub, mayor of Akron, do hereby assure all residents of foreign birth that should the United States become involved in war, no citizen of any foreign power, resident in Akron, need fear any invasion of his personal or property rights so long as he goes peaceably about his business and conducts himself in a law-abiding manner.

The United States has never, in any war, confiscated the property of any foreign resident unless by his hostile acts he made it necessary.

I take this means of declaring to all foreign-born residents that they will be protected in the ownership of their property and money, and that they will be free from personal molestation so long as they obey the laws of the state and nation and the ordinances of the city.

I urgently request that all our people refrain from public discussion which might arouse personal feeling, and that they maintain a calm and peaceful attitude toward every one, without regard to their nationality.

A very large group of responsible Akron citizens have pledged me their support in maintaining law and order and in guaranteeing to all foreign-born citizens their full rights under our government.

W. J. LAUB, Mayor.

AKRON READY TO SUPPORT PRES. WILSON

Citizens Pass Resolution Offering Full Aid in Crisis

Resolutions offering President Wilson full support, a proclamation by Mayor Laub guaranteeing foreign citizens of Akron full protection of life and property if they obey the laws of the country, and receipt by officers of Companies B and F of blanks for recruiting up to full war strength with the expectation of mobilizing at any time were the chief phases of the war crisis as affecting Akron Tuesday.

In addition to this, Miss Jane Glavin of the Red Cross Nurses organization, was recruiting a unit up to full war strength ready to respond to a call at any time, the Central Labor union at its meeting this evening was expected to vote its support to the president, and Akron generally was showing its readiness to stand by the president in every respect.

Recruiting officers Tuesday at the army, navy and marine stations, expressed satisfaction at the way recruiting is going forward. Ten men were enlisted Monday and one man had been accepted at the marine station Tuesday morning.

Akron Rotarians at their luncheon at the Portage at noon Tuesday staged a vociferous patriotic demonstration. Speakers who commended President Wilson's address to congress were applauded and the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

Will Play Its Part.

With its factories making war munitions and balloons, its citizens pledging their support in maintaining law and order in the city to prevent lawlessness at home as well as their support in the actual conflict, together with its soldiers in companies now organized ready to respond to an instant call, Akron seemed able to play a big part in event of any hostilities.

Crowds were stirred Monday night over pending events when people stayed up late waiting for the last word on the action of congress. Calls were received up to a late hour at newspaper offices and the Western Union office and newboys shouted "Wuruxtry," as long as there were any prospective buyers.

Mayor Laub's proclamation of

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THE WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, May 2.—Forecast
for Ohio: Cloudy tonight and Friday;
probably rain.

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PRICE ONE CENT

REGULAR ARMY DIVISION WILL BE FIRST TO SEE ACTUAL SERVICE

AKRON WOMEN TOLD TO SAVE FOOD SUPPLY

Crop Commissioner Knight
Talks Food Conservation
To Woman's Council

WOMEN URGED TO
HELP RED CROSS WORK

Quaker Oats Co. Gets the Biggest Flag in County

The largest American flag in Summit county was raised over the package building of the Quaker Oats Co. on S. Howard st., at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Amid deafening cheers and to the music of the Star Spangled Banner played by the Eighth Regiment band, the big banner floated out. It measures 15 by 20 feet and is the present of package room employees to the Quaker Oats Co. Employees, assembled on the roof of the Quaker Oats building, were addressed by company Supt. J. H. Andrews, Asst. Supt. S. J. Palmer and J. L. Ferguson.

AKRON NEEDS OWN OFFICERS FOR TROOPS

Instruction For Local Men
Who Want to Try For
Commissions

For the information of Akron men who may wish to send in their

THINKS TEDDY WILL GET CHANCE TO LEAD FORCE

Harding Says Roosevelt Has More Than Enough
Tends For Four Divisions Totaling 110,000 Men;
Predicts Prohibition Measure Before Long

COLUMBUS, O., May 3.—"Congress will no doubt complete the legislation started in the senate to permit Theodore Roosevelt to take a force to Europe, unless the administration exerts its influence to prevent it," said United States Senator Harding, who arrived Thursday from Washington, accompanied by former Governor Herrick, both of whom will attend the first meeting of the republican committee. "Such interference would be the

WANTS LAW TO STOP N. HILL BOND ISSUE

Atty. Wilhelm Asks Court to
Enjoin Viaduct Issue
As Illegal

An injunction to hold up as illegal the sale of bonds for the North Hill viaduct was filed Thurs-

CONSIDER PLAN TO TRAIN MEN BEHIND FRENCH LINE

100 Officers Above Rank of Captain May Be Sent
To British and French Fronts To Have
Actual Experience on Firing Line

Question of Officers For New Army Has Been
Solved; Graduates of Officers' Training Camp
Will Be Awarded Shoulder Straps

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This Place, This Time

Local History



U.S. War Secretary Newton D. Baker draws numbers from a bowl for the military draft in 1917. More than 65,000 Akron men registered for the draft, and 8,988 were selected for service. | Akron Beacon Journal file photo

PATRIOTIC FERVOR SWEPT AKRON AS U.S. ENTERED FIRST WORLD WAR

100 years ago, citizens rushed to help,
factories boosted output and flags flew

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History

Events mark 100 years since U.S. joined war



A poster from the National War Garden Commission urges U.S. citizens to plant gardens during World War I. | Akron Beacon Journal file photo

Summit County plans exhibits, speakers and more starting Monday

Beacon Journal staff report

Calling all doughboys. The 100th anniversary of U.S. entry in World War I will be commemorated with a collaborative effort titled *Summit County and the Great War*.

Beginning next week, a series of community events will be held to mark the centennial of the U.S. declaration of war April 6, 1917.

Here is the schedule:

- The Summit County Historical Society will kick off the series with a ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday next to Charles Goodyear Park at *The Spirit of the American Doughboy* statue at 174 S. High St. outside the Summit Coun-

ty Courthouse in downtown Akron. Featured speakers will include Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan and State Sen. Frank LaRose. A Salvation Army brass choir will provide music at the free event.

Coming Monday

This Place, This Time:

Summit County reacted to the declaration of war with patriotic fervor.

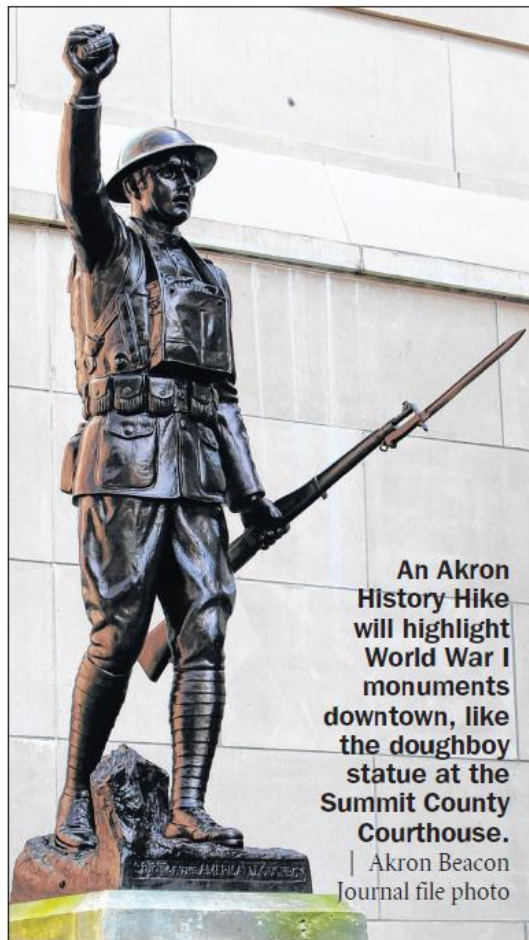
county's involvement in the war is available at www.summitWWI.org. It will be updated throughout the year.

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An Akron History Hike will highlight World War I monuments downtown, like the doughboy statue at the Summit County Courthouse.

| Akron Beacon Journal file photo

4 Things TO DO TODAY

Look to the past, look to the sky

Take a long lunch and enjoy an Akron History Hike highlighting the downtown skywalk system and World War I monuments. It will be led by representatives from the Summit County Historical Society and Summit Metro Parks. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Polsky Building, 275 S. High St. 330-865-8065.

Check out choreography center

See dancers and the creative process up close as the National Center for Choreography at the University of Akron holds a Grand Opening from 3 to 5 p.m. at Guzzetta Hall. The center, only the second of its kind in the country, was funded with a \$5 million grant from the Knight Foundation and

was created in partnership with DANCECleveland. The opening party is free.

Girls, sex and literary learning

Also at UA, the Women's Studies Program presents Peggy Orenstein, author of *Girls and Sex: Navigating the New Complicated Landscape* and *Cinderella Ate My Daughter*. She speaks from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Student Union Theatre.

Drop in to declutter, downsize

Everyone talks about needing to downsize and declutter. Learn practical tips with a talk at 6:30 p.m. at the Seville Library, 45 N. Center St. It's free. Register at www.mcdl.info/events or at the library.

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Commemoration of the Centennial of America's Entry into WWI



A collaborative initiative—“Summit County and the Great War”—will mark the centennial of America's entry into World War I and commemorate Summit County's contributions.

The first in a series of local events will be held at 11 a.m. on April 3 at Summit County's World War I Memorial, adjacent to Charles Goodyear Park (174 S. High St.). The official ceremony marking America's entry into the war is sponsored by the Summit County Historical Society and will be held at “The Spirit of the American Doughboy” statue in front of the Summit County Courthouse.

Featured speakers include Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan, and State Senator Frank LaRose. The Salvation Army—a strong partner to Akron troops in WWI—will be represented by the local citadel's brass choir, which will provide music for the occasion. The event is free, open to the public, and will adjourn at

11:30.

On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war against Germany. Within the week, Akron joined the nation in mustering its collective will to save Europe. Akron provided more men to the war effort in 1917 than any city in Ohio except Cleveland and Cincinnati—nearly 9,000 “GIs.” Akron men were mostly assigned to the 83rd “All Ohio” Division, which trained at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, and were deployed in June 1918 as part of the American Expeditionary Force. In less than two years, over 116,000 Americans perished in the “War to End All Wars.”

An exhibit honoring Akron soldiers in WWI will open April 3 inside the Summit County Courthouse and remain on display through the end of the year. Learn more about local monuments, memorials and exhibits by visiting www.summitWWI.org



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'His Spirit Shall Prevail'



OSBORN

HYDEN

Here is Akron's new memorial to Summit county war dead unveiled Sunday at 11 a. m. in the armory yard by Akron Gold Star Mothers.

Frank Osborn, left, and Gerald Hyden, members of C. W. Seiberling, Jr. garrison of the Army and Navy union, which helped in the memorial campaign, are standing on guard at "The Spirit of the American Doughboy."

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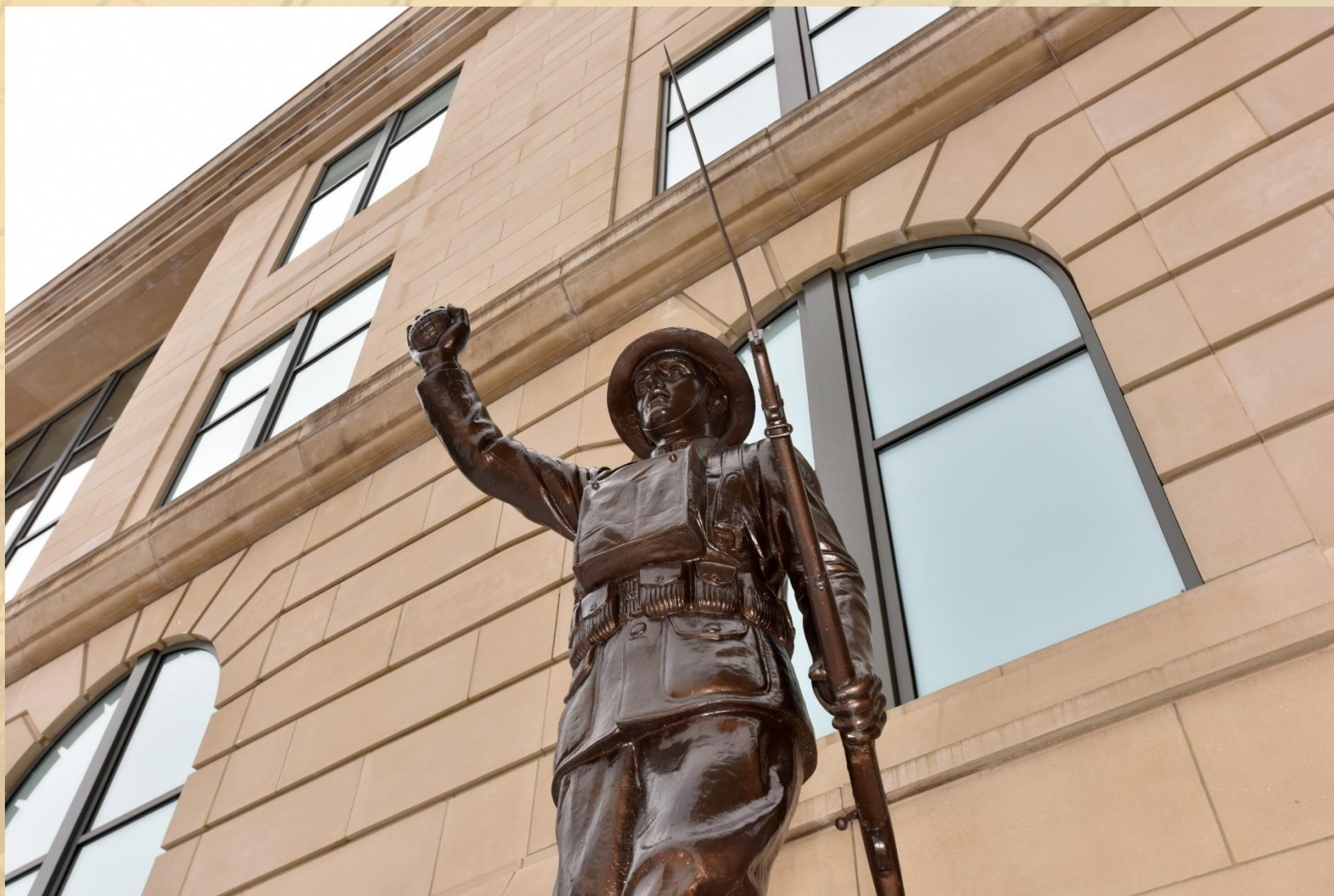
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Enlisted men leaving for deployment, March 1917
Summit County Historical Society Permanent Collection

SUMMIT COUNTY WORLD WAR I INDICATOR MAP

World War I, also known as "The Great War," and "The War to End All Wars" is slowly fading from our public memory. This map was created as a resource for Summit County citizens to learn more about how World War I is interwoven in our communities. The map highlights different aspects of WWI history: monuments, memorials, and cemeteries that inter WWI veterans. There are over 80 sites listed on this map, showing we are surrounded by history every day. To view the interactive version of this map and to learn more about local World War I initiatives, please visit www.SummitWWI.org

ROSE HILL BURIAL PARK

Rose Hill is the final resting place for over 200 World War I veterans. Akronite Norman Fuchs, who served with the 134th Field Artillery in Europe during WWI, and whose photography is featured in this exhibit, is interred here.

Rose Hill is also home to a veterans' memorial dedicated in memory of the "Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of Summit County who served their country in time of war." The date on the memorial is 1922.



GREEN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The Green Veterans Memorial Park, opened on November 11, 2010, is dedicated in honor of the men and women of Green Township who have served their country. It is fitting that this memorial was dedicated on November 11, now known as Veterans Day. November 11 was previously known as Armistice Day, the day in which the war between the Allies and Germany ended on the Western Front during WWI. This park also memorializes each war that the United States has participated in as a nation.



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SOLDIERS OF AKRON



Akron soldiers of World War I primarily served in the 145th Infantry Regiment of the Ohio National Guard and the "B" Battery of the 134th Field Artillery Regiment which were organized under the 37th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, and the 83rd "All Ohio" Division. Both divisions were organized into the Headquarters IV Army Corps, headquartered in Neufchateau, France on the Western Front.



Photographs taken by Norman Fuchs, 134th Field Artillery
Summit County Historical Society Permanent Collection



Units in the IV Corps saw combat at the battles of St. Mihiel, Lorraine, Ypres-Lys, and the decisive Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the largest and deadliest engagement involving the American Expeditionary Forces.

The Meuse-Argonne was part of the Hundred Days Offensive that concluded with the Armistice of November 11th, 1918.



Akron "Doughboys" massed on Main Street, 1917
Summit County Historical Society Permanent Collection

B.F. Goodrich "Caquot M-type" Kite Balloon
Akron Summit County Public Library Special Collections



THE ROLE OF RUBBER

Akron rubber companies B.F. Goodrich, Goodyear, and Firestone manufactured products for the war effort: barrage and observation balloons (such as the one shown above), airships, and even gas masks.

World War I sped up the development of better tires for trucks, as the Army needed tough tires to endure the rigors of war.

Harvey Firestone helped to organize the Rubber Division of the War Industries Board, which advised the government. His son, Harvey Jr. served as a naval aviator during the war.

Goodyear co-founder Franklin Seiberling's son Fred also served, as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



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AKRON LAWYERS IN THE WAR

Perry Stevens was admitted to the bar in 1917 but delayed his entry into the practice of law by volunteering to serve his country in World War I. He served in Company B, 11th Machine Gun Battalion, 4th Division from September, 1917 to June 1919, and was discharged as a lieutenant.

After his discharge, Stevens began practicing law. He was elected to the bench of the 9th district court of appeals in 1933.

One of Summit County's longest-serving judges was Arthur W. Doyle, who served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He was elected Summit County Prosecutor in 1920.

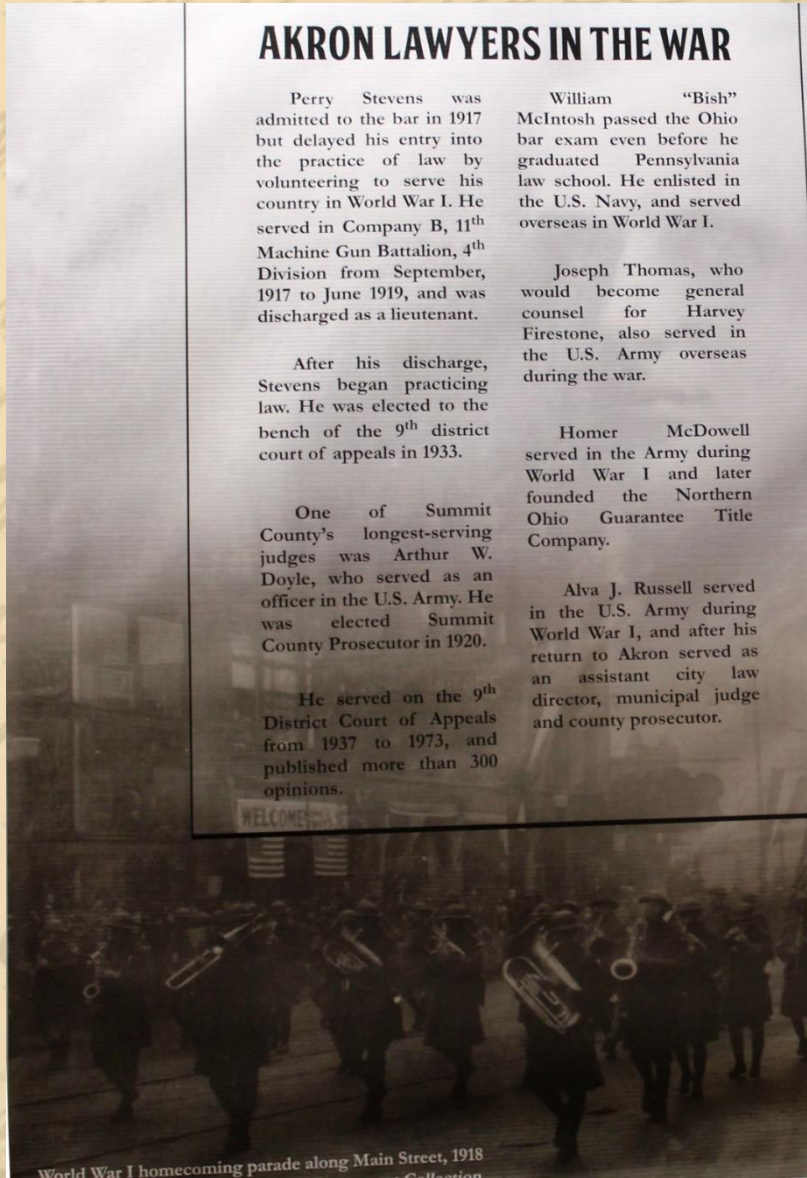
He served on the 9th District Court of Appeals from 1937 to 1973, and published more than 300 opinions.

William "Bish" McIntosh passed the Ohio bar exam even before he graduated Pennsylvania law school. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served overseas in World War I.

Joseph Thomas, who would become general counsel for Harvey Firestone, also served in the U.S. Army overseas during the war.

Homer McDowell served in the Army during World War I and later founded the Northern Ohio Guarantee Title Company.

Alva J. Russell served in the U.S. Army during World War I, and after his return to Akron served as an assistant city law director, municipal judge and county prosecutor.



World War I homecoming parade along Main Street, 1918
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Historical Society and Metro Parks offer Akron walk

Participants travel through time during trek

By Fred Cay

Special to the Beacon Journal

The role of Akron and Summit County in World War I was the focus of Tuesday's Akron History Hike Skywalk through the University of Akron and the downtown area.

The annual event hosted about 70 participants and coincided with the 100th anniversary of United States involvement in the "War to End All Wars," as it was called at the time.

"We do a skywalk every year," said Pat Rydquist, a naturalist

with Summit Metro Parks.

"We try and take people through tunnels and underground, the bridges over, and introduce people to the ability to be able to walk around Akron without ever having to go outside."

Rydquist guided the tour, along with Summit Historical Society Chief Executive Officer Leianne Neff Heppner and educational coordinator Claire Lucas.



Claire Lucas, educational coordinator for the Summit County Historical Society, talks Tuesday outside the courthouse to participants on an Akron History Hike. | KAREN SCHIELY/Akron Beacon Journal

The tour started in the lower level of UA's Polsky Building at the university Archival Services, proceeded through skywalks to the main campus and concluded at the Spirit of the American Doughboy statue at the entrance

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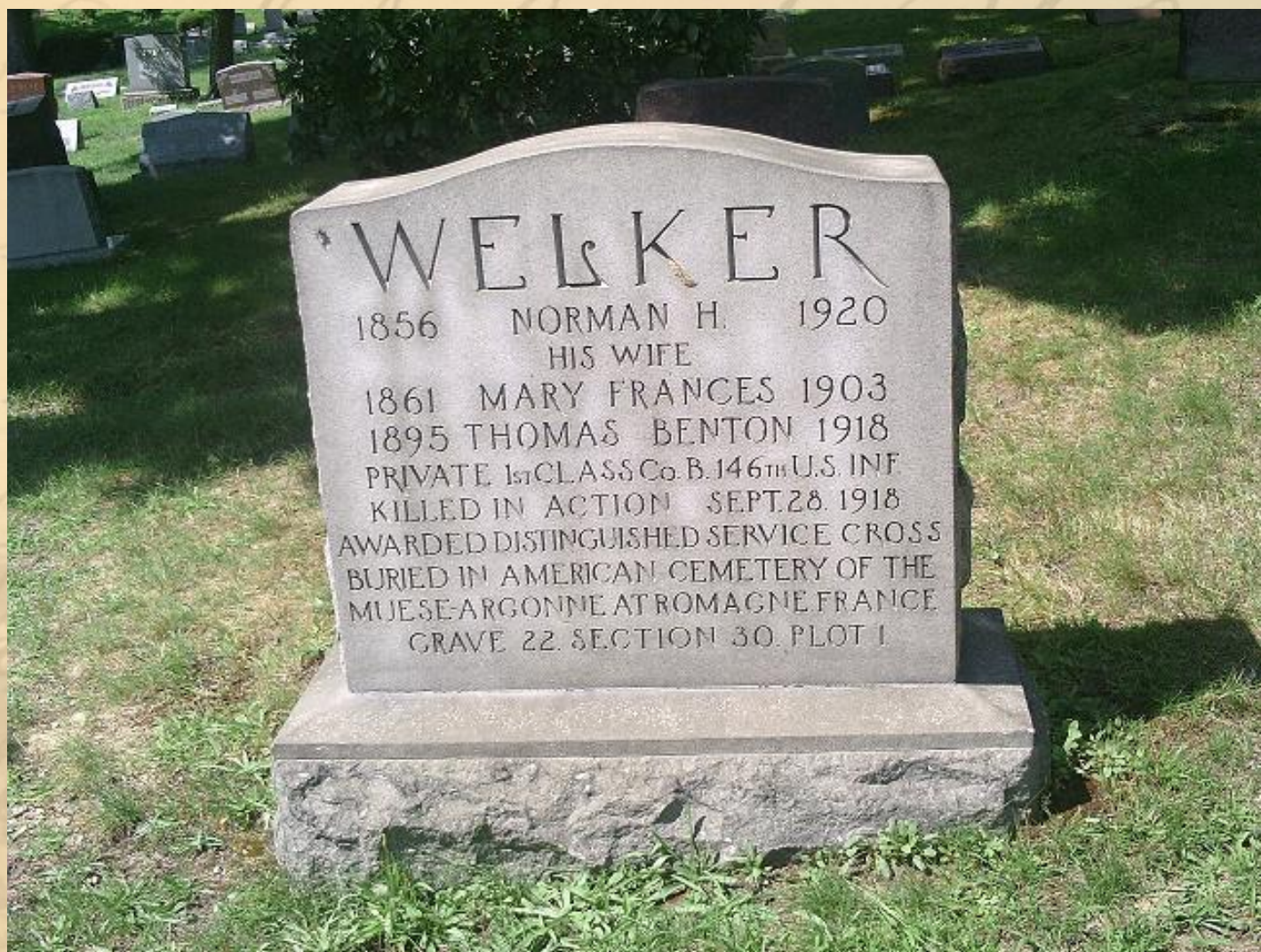
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Mary Gladwin Hall on The University of Akron campus was opened and named in her honor.



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Summit County and The Great War

A Commemoration of the American
war effort during World War One



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"Summit County and the Great War"
is a two year collaborative partnership
formed to commemorate Summit County's
contribution to the U.S. war effort during
World War One (1917-1918).

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