

# Carson City Historical Society

## FOREMAN/ROBERTS HOUSE PARK



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### MESSAGE FROM 1ST V. P. SUE BALLEW

Hello CCHS Members and Volunteers

We hope that all is well with you and your families during the continuing Pandemic. Even though we are not meeting at this time, projects are being planned and the Board is meeting monthly via Zoom.

We will have our next Board meeting on September 14 at 3:45 pm. If you would like to connect through "Zoom," please let us know. We welcome all ideas and comments.

Two exhibits are planned, one will be the called, "The Petticoat Connection—Notable Women of Eagle Valley." It will feature seven local women from the past with history and paintings done by local artists. It is tentatively set for October 24. Other events planned are lectures via "Zoom."

### RON MACHADO, MEMORIAL-SURVEY

The Historical Society would like to have a memorial for Ron Machado in early September.

If we had one, would you come to the Foreman-Roberts House Park to attend? Yes or no. (We will have social distancing and masks would be available)

If we had a Memorial on Zoom, would you be willing to attend? (This would be from your own home.) Yes or no.

What are your suggestions?

Please email or call me and let me know what your preference might be. Sue Ballew, cell is 775-220-6278 or email is [carsoncityhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:carsoncityhistoricalsociety.org)

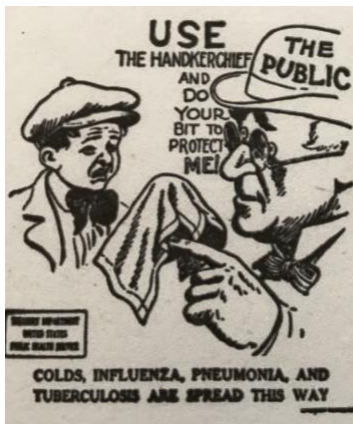


## BOTTLES FROM ADELE'S

Bottles from the dig at Adele's were donated to the Carson City Historical Society by Jackson's and Frank Lepori Construction Co. Pictured are half of the donation. There are Lea & Perrins, Thaxters Drug Store in Carson City and many other bottles. We plan to put them on display at the Foreman/Roberts House. (Below is the site of the former Adele's building.)



## Spanish Influenza, Carson City, Aug 1918



On this day—August 26, 1918, the world was at war. The Day's casualty list from war was seventeen killed in action and ninety-five wounded severely. People were registering for the primaries, and the news warned that "The United States must prepare for deprivations." The War Savings Plan was in effect and the Government wanted to raise more than two billion dollars. Americans were asked to limit their purchases to necessary commodities—"to save and lend their savings to the Government." Dayton was celebrating Santa Maria Day. War gardens were encouraged. Sugar was limited to two pounds a month.

There is no mention of the Spanish Influenza. There are a couple reasons—one is that the influenza didn't reach Nevada until September 1918 and the other is that the Government didn't want people to know. The soldiers weren't told, and the newspapers were told to keep it quiet, particularly in Carson City, the State Capitol. Other cities in Nevada did know. In Yerington there are articles about the influenza raging in camps. Spanish influenza made its appearance in at least 25 army camps resulting in 20,211 cases."

Mentioned in the Tonopah newspaper is the "Gargle Parade" where at 5:45 each morning American soldiers were required to cleanse their throats with an antiseptic solution" due to the prevalent wave of influenza. The Goldfield newspaper reports a "Strange disease" that is attacking U. S. soldiers. Care is taken and physicians "say it is dangerous to attempt to continue activities, as pneumonia may develop...". On September 11, 1918 Boston reported cases of grippe or Spanish influenza numbering one thousand. Official were making every effort to prevent the spread of the epidemic. President Wilson signed into law the Man Power bill that said all men between the ages of 18 and 45 were drafted into the service of our country, and the Fourth Liberty Loan is opened for subscription.

On September 19, 1918, the Tonopah newspaper reports that Franklin Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, suffered from the Spanish influenza after a voyage home from Europe, and the influenza is spreading to soldiers in training resulting in 108 deaths compared with 95 the preceding week. The influenza is quickly spreading to the training camps in the states, and in the Great Lakes two thousand men have been affected, only one death. Next California is infected at Mare Island. Thousands of sailors and marines were prevented from leaving the island. At Long Island 100,000 soldier boys were quarantined, including Bert and Lance Deady of Carson City. By October the playhouses, public meeting places, churches, schools were closed and a quarantine was put on the university. It came on slowly to Carson City and continued on through 1920, and then it ended.