

An 1890's Ice Cream Festival

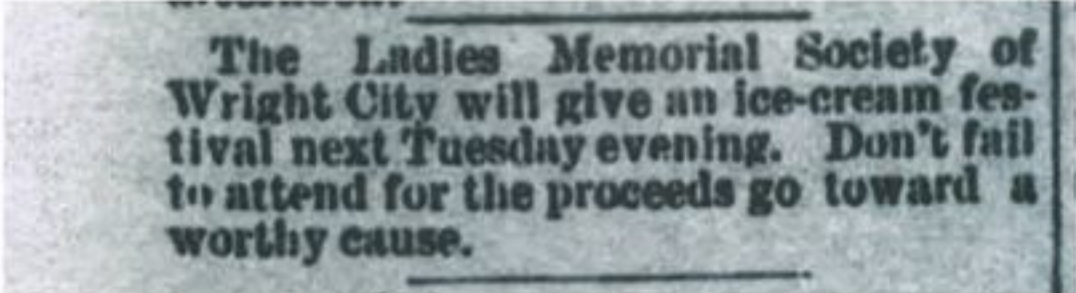
Who doesn't love ice cream anytime but especially during the heat of summer? In 1890, the ladies of the Memorial Society saw an opportunity to raise some money for their group by serving up scoops of home-made ice cream at a festival.

All we know about the festival is from the clipping (see below) we find in the July 25, 1890, issue of *The Warrenton Banner*. We do not know where the festival was held – was it inside a church hall or outside on a church lawn? There likely were no public parks at that time so most community events were held on church grounds.

Did they serve anything besides ice cream? We can imagine there were tables filled with home-made pies and cakes and likely some type of sandwich, maybe hot chicken or cheese sandwiches.

How many varieties of ice cream did they churn and how many gallons did they make? Did the ladies enlist some men to help hand-churn on all that ice cream? Maybe some young hands were also involved.

What we do know is that ice cream was made with fresh cream from nearby farms. Likely some fresh peaches from their orchards and wild blackberries picked earlier that morning flavored some batches. We can also just imagine how good it must have tasted and how much everyone enjoyed spending time with friends on a hot summer evening. No doubt, "a good time was had by all".



The Ladies Memorial Society of Wright City will give an ice-cream festival next Tuesday evening. Don't fail to attend for the proceeds go toward a worthy cause.