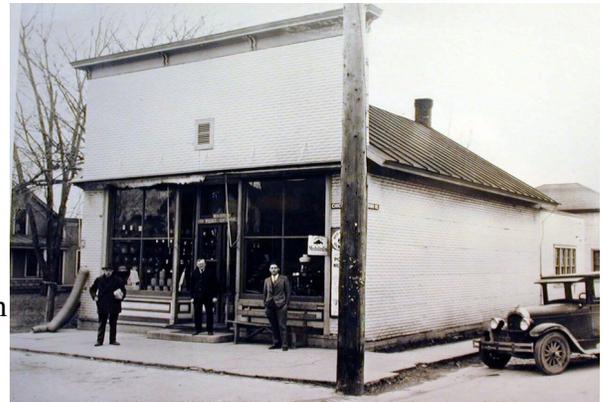


Henry Ford by offering 5 dollars a day which was almost double what men were earning in 1914 caused a lot of people to move to Detroit from around the country. In 1916 a refrigerator cost \$900 then, by 1920 10,000 were sold, by 1925 75,000 were sold. Most people still used an ice box at that time. This was a cabinet that had a compartment where the ice man placed a big block of ice. There was a pan on the floor under the ice box. If someone forgot to empty it and you walked up to it at night for a snack you got a rude very cold message from your bare feet. The ice box had benefits. It did not use any electricity and never wore out. Henry Ford experimented and sold several models of cars before the famous introduction in 1908 of the Model T. **Ford's idea was to make a Car for everyone that would be durable, economical to maintain, easy to operate, and simple to repair.**



The car, which only came in black, boasted a four cylinder, twenty-horsepower engine that reached speeds of up to 45 miles per hour. In 1908 5,000 were made and sold for \$850. With the introduction of the assembly line at the Highland Park plant in 1914 a quarter of a million Model T fords were produced and sold for \$490 each. Two years later the output was over half a million sold for \$369. (Kern46) Over fifteen million Model Ts were sold, making it one of the most important cars in automobile history. Some were even used on farms for tractors. After a lot of campaigning **women finally won the right to vote.** The Michigan state constitution was amended to give women the right to vote in 1918 and in 1920 the 19th amendment to the US Constitution gave them the right to vote nationally.



World War I claimed to be " The War to End All Wars" 1914-1918 Over 65 million people were mobilized, **8 million people killed**, 21 million wounded, 7,750,919 POWs. (Military and Civilian War Related Deaths Through the Ages.) "Between April 1917 and November 1918 **135,000 Michigan men served in the Armed Forces; 5,000 died...and 15,000 were wounded.** (Kern 48) Our men were gassed with poison gas. Many had to live in wet cold trenches without beds or shelter. Some of our Warren men were blown apart in France and were buried there. These men had no marker in Warren honoring them so a memorial stone was donated (with 30 soldiers names) and placed in Warren union Cemetery.



a memorial stone was donated (with 30 soldiers names) and placed in Warren union Cemetery. **The Warren hysterical grave robber gang had it ripped out along with an Unknown Soldier memorial right off of a grave along with a memorial to all veterans and those killed in attacks on our country and other memorials in 2011.** They found nothing wrong with the memorials in the next public meeting. Now many soldiers have no name on any stone at all and may be forgotten. Some people made money off of the war. For several years after the war things were hard to get. Building slowed down. This war was followed by a **great depression from 1929-41** The average family was hard hit by this. **Families had trouble buying necessities such as food because** of lack of income which was not their fault. Many of us older folks heard stories from our grandparents about the terrible times they went thru. **Warren had 60% unemployment per Harold Stilwell.** People were glad to get \$5 a week. People sold apples on street corners. People had to do without. Gardening became a big deal. People did what they had to do to survive. There were a lot of people homeless. President Franklin Roosevelt instituted several programs like the WPA Works Progress Administration program providing public jobs. Many people benefited from these. In 1930 Birdseye first frozen foods marketed. By 1930-45 movie industry at its peak. Liberty Movie theater opened in Center Line with an \$8,000 organ. Women increased in the American workforce: 24,8% of all women; 50.5% of unmarried women; 11.7% of married women in 1930.

