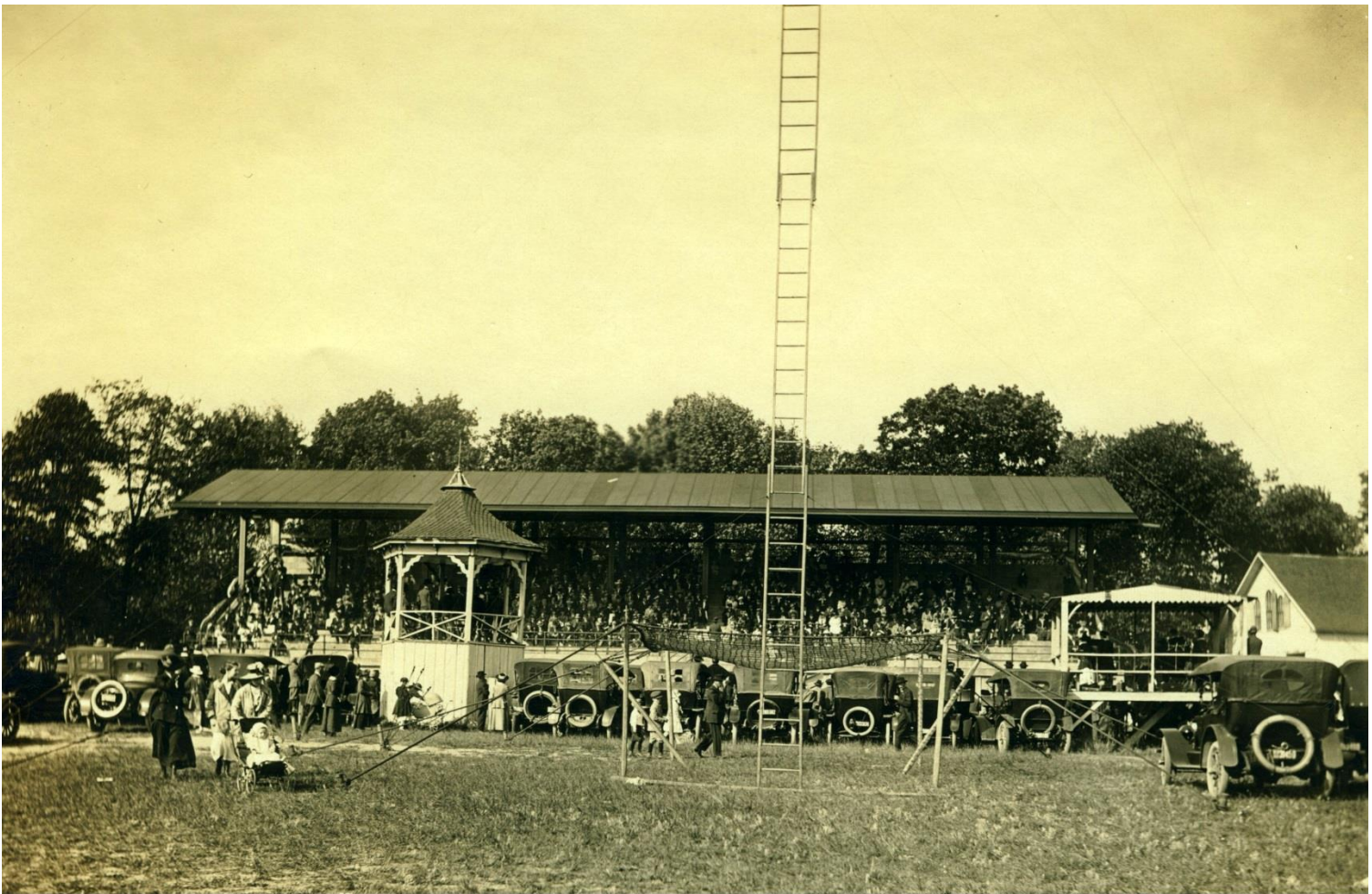# Did you know........

....the Cuyahoga County Fair used to be in Chagrin Falls?

The first Cuyahoga Fair was held in 1847 in Newburgh, Ohio. J. W. Williams, I. W. Pope, W. T. Upham, Alexander Frazer, H. H. Kelley and Washington Gates were members of the Cuyahoga County Fair Association in the 1870's and all were residents of Chagrin Falls. Being the good business men that they were, they recognized that it would be beneficial to business in Chagrin Falls if the County Fair was held in town. In 1873, the Fair Association leased land from the Union Fair Association of Chagrin Falls. This land is where the current High School campus is today. The land there became known as the "Fairgrounds". The fair was also known as the East side Cuyahoga County fair because there was a West side fair also. The fair was held here until 1925 when the Cuyahoga County Commissioners decided to move the fair to Berea where it is still held today. For nearly 50 years the fair was wonderful showcase of agriculture and manufacturing as well as artisans and crafts people to show their wares. The fairs brought thousands of people to the area each year.

Race fans seated in and around the grandstands – built in 1913 and still in use today for school activities
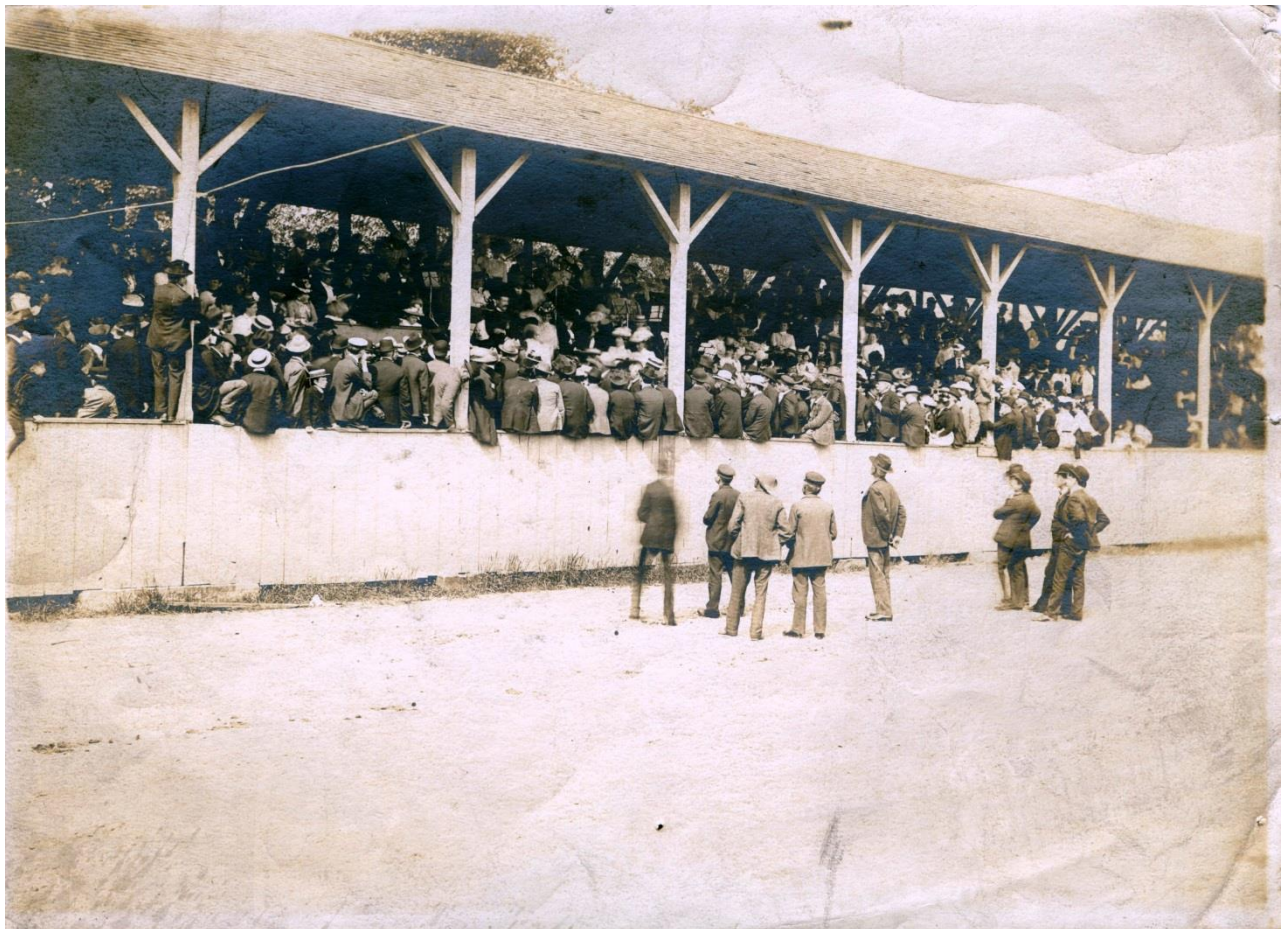
The Midway at the Fairgrounds

Harness Racers coming to the finish line.

Harness Racers at the start of the race. The Grandstands are the older wooden stands that were replaced by the current structure in 1913.

Listening to the band in the old wooden Grandstand.

In between races

Even back in the day, Ballooning was popular

Not all balloon ascensions went smoothly