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SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society was to be held in Center Twp. but due to various circumstances it will be in Franklin Twp. this time. We will meet in the Lamplight Villa Lounge at Milan, Sunday, April 10 at 2 o'clock.

The program will be given by Dr. William Glover on MISX and MI9, (Underground activities) during WW II.

NOTES FROM JANUARY

The R.C.H.S. held their winter meeting at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Olean, Brown Twp. January 9. DR. BARLOW

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Pres. Betty Roepke called the meeting to order. Thirty three members answered roll call. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Bea Boyd reported a balance in the checking account was \$763.90. She also reported that the plaque to be put on the home where Uncle Jim Tyson was born had been received and would be put on as soon as weather permitted. The home is on the Ripley County Courthouse square owned by Mike Bedel.

Norris Krall gave an update on the Ripley County History Book II. 628 copies were sold in advance of printing. They have all been mailed and now the price has advanced to \$55 plus postage if mailed. Much work was put into the book by many people.

Alan Smith suggested having an open directors' meeting. This will be taken up in the directors' meeting.

Charles and Betty Roepke gave a video presentation of their visit to Europe including their stay at the IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) student's home in Switzerland who had been a guest in their home. Andy is a farmer, who has an 80 acre farm. Milking is his main source of income, he also raises pigs. He has a mule who delivers the milk down the hill to the cheese factory. When the wagon is loaded with the milk the mule, all alone, takes the milk to the factory. There the milk is unloaded and reloaded with whey from making cheese. The mule then returns home with the whey to feed the pigs.

The Roepkes went to Belgium with a church group and spent part of their "vacation" helping build a church there. They went on to visit 3 IFYE students. The other 2: a dairy in the Netherlands; a small potato farm in Luxembourg. The Swiss farm was a study in efficiency. For instance: the water supply served the family then as it flowed down the hillside farm served horses, cattle, trout pools, duck pond, mushrooms and peafowl.

After the IFYE students visit several families in various parta of the USA they have free time before they return home. Mr. Roepke loaned them his car and 4 of the kids visited California and Florida. They saw 17,000 miles of the USA before going home.

Charles, Betty and their granddaughter Shanna had a great trip which made a most interesting program. They don't have peanutbutter in Europe (Except in the PX). Their corresponding spread is ground hazel nuts and chocolate, different but not bad!

The Versailles Republican had one of their MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR articles about the Roepkes and their trip in a January issue which was most interesting.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

List of people living in Holton 1993. Made by Dept of Environmental Management. Jan '94

Descendants of Charles Hyatt -- 3 sheets
" of William Isgrig I -- 6 sheets Jan '94
from Jane Miller, 7957 Cardinal Cove S., Indianapolis, IN 46256

Video from Sally Widiner, 212 N. Huntersville Rd., Batesville, IN Batesville Community Memorial Bldg. celebration and parades, Sept., Nov. and Dec. 1993 and Merry Christmas from the Widiners. Jan. '94

Statistics of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Olean, IN 1857 - 1906. Translated by Rev. A. W. Bochardt and Typed by Aurelia Werner, copied from Doug Rump's copy by Alan Smith. Lists Birth, BaptizAM date and parents.

Blacksmith Tools which belonged to Herman Diem who was an early black-smith in Versailles. They lived on the south side of SR 50 accros from the present car wash west of the traffic light. from daughter, Kathleen Diem now in Dillsboro Manor, via Charlotte Susnick.

Callegraphy Card for Table loaned by Mildred Dreyer. (Table used at Farmers National Bank in Sunman by Board of Directors)
from Mildred Behlmer Dreyer. Aug '93

Mary Tuttle gave R.C.H.S. Museum a slide set (glass) Print in old English. The Sunman High School had this set. Also a box of old dye boxes from Earl Wetzler's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorain Cood, Director from Laughery Twp. in 1981 presented articles to the Historical Society Museum. They are in the museum but were never listed to appear in the bulletin. This is copied from the list he made on presentation. Received October 15, 1992 as per request from me to his daughter, Carolyn Hahn, now Director form Laughery Twp.

- 1. Hayfork owned by Cooks 1870
- 2.Muzzle loading rifle brought from the East by Cooks when they homesteaded north of New Point in 1836.
 - 3.Axle Grease Bucket brought from the east by Cooks in 1836.
- 4. Axe lost in woods hauling logs with oxen in 1873 then found by Lorain Cook in 1922.
- 5. Hame owned by Ezekiel Cook when moving from Decatur Co. to Ripley in 1865.
 - 6. Reaper owned by Cooks in 1870
 - 7. Gate Hinge owned by the Cooks in 1870

Our apology to the Cooks for this late appearance. Much late since Mr. and Mrs. Cook have both passed away.

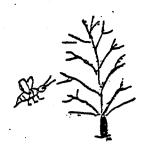
8th grade graduation Picture 1924 - Delmar's Class
" " " 1930 - Shirley Pratt Rea's class
both in frames
from Delmar Rea family.

Depending on where you lived, but it seemed universal. The trees were so covered with ice and snow that the researchers were having trouble discovering their branches, but with spring around the corner it all comes back. The January bulletin was mailed giving the procrastinators an opportunity to get their dues in and not miss a bulletin. The dues are still \$4.00 a year with \$100 for Life memberships, but since postage is going up our rates will probably rise. The cost of permit and the cost per piece mailed, then if your address is changed we pay 29¢ to get the bulletin back and another 29 to mail it to you. Please notify the NewsEditor or Treasurer, who takes care of the list, of any change. The labels are run off by Ron Young on his computer. He has been doing this ever since we have had labels. Ron is a volunteer and we appreciate the work he contributes.

TRIVIA

An instance of great historic impact -- even unto today. In the Bible it relates the story of Moses who wandered in the desert for some forty years. The first recorded incident of man refusing to ask for directions.

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Q-4-94 Need parents of Susan E. Knapp(O7Dec 1830-09Dec 1886) w/oDavid B. Hastings, s/OSimeon and Olive Woodbury Hastings of Delaware, Ripley Co, In. All buried in Delaware-Methodist Cemetery. Is she da/o William and Isabella Knapp?

Q-4-94 Need parents of Elsey B. Wood(25 Oct 1838-09 Oct 1918)Married Henry B. Schmidt/Smith s/o Adam and Florentine Buttleburger Smith. Is she the Elsie B. Smith in 1850 census listed w mother Mercy, , sisters Mary and Amity C. & bro Nathaniel Lee? Elsey and Henry are in Mud Pike Cemetery.

Evelyn Hastings Martin, 6905 BEllrose NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 2 queries Evelyn also thanks the committee for their work. There have been a lot of good comments about the HIstory Book Vol II. The committee appreciates these nice comments.

Q-4-94 Seeking information on PEUGH(Pugh, Pew) or ROERTY (Rority, Rority, Rarity) in Ripley, Decatur, Jennings, Hancock and Washington Counties, 1840 and later. Elizabeth H. Roerty m John C. Peugh, s/o Sarah Fortune. Elizabeths father, Colu Columbus had 9 children who lived in these counties 30-50 years. Maybe descendants still in area. Darline Duncan, 11539 Nesqually Ph Rp S.E. Olympia, Wa 98513.

Q-4-94 Seeking info on George W. Hendrixson, (b17 Nov 1847-d. 10 May 1906) s/o John and Martha Hendrixson . M 10 May 1906 to Molly A. Jenners, B 02 Oct 1857 p. 30 Mar 1899). 2 queries.from Verne.

Q-4-94 Seeking info on Engle FAmily. Catherine A. Engle m Alexander Jesse Hendrixson 16 Apr 1851. Moved to Kansas 1885. Contact Verne L. Hendrixson Box 28, Buhler, Ks. 67522.

You remember Berta Steinkamp, our gracious German lady who was able to translate records for us? Well she has left us for cooler country. Several have requested her address of I thought this would be a good way to pass it on. She will be missed this summer at the Museum. Rerta Steinkamp, 4070 Oxford Dr, Leland, Mi 49654. Also I will add Phyllis Millers address 29451 Birchwood, Inkster, Mi 48141. Her address will change when the house she ordered comes.

Helpful Hint to RResearchers: "RESEARCH IN INDIANA COURTHOUSES: JUDICAL AND OTHER RECORDS" By John J. Newman. He presented this at Indianapolis on April 11, 1981. The booklet is still available by Just as valuable as it was then.

Does anyone have any information on the Fox Cemetery? It is believed that mother and father of Robert Fox and other Foxes are buried there. The graves were marked with field stones. Grandson remembers cemetery from 1943 visit and has sent a map (from memory) of the location. It is in Shelby Twp on Fox Road off Poor Farm Road. Perhaps some old timer may remember. Let us know if you recall anything. Ivan B. Weevie, grandson is looking for obituaries of Robert Fox and wife Cordia Means Fox but has no date of death which rather complicates matters.

Send your queries to Mrs. Don Boyd, PO Box Holton, In 47023

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