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SPRING MEETING

We are hoping for a large turnout for the April meeting, Sunday, the 14th at 2 o'clock. It will be sort of an open house at the bank building on the west side of the courthouse square in Versailles. We hope you will look it over and give us some of your ideas of how to arrange things to make it user friendly for both the public and the workers.

MINUTES OF THE WINTER MEETING

The January Meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society was at the Holton Christian Church in Holton. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Roepke and twenty five members and guests answered the roll call. The secretary's report was read and approved. Bea Boyd gave the treasurer's report. After paying all current bills there was a balance in the checking account of \$1295.38.

Julie Underwood read several letters the society had received thanking them for information they were able to gather about their ancestors.

Pres. Roepke appointed Joan Krall, Arriest Udey and Alice McCoy to the nominating committee to secure directors from the townships of Jackson, Johnson and Franklin.

David Dreyer had papers on Morgan's Raid through Ripley County which will be copied and placed in the museum. Much interest the past few months has been in buying the old Versailles Bank Building. The committee has done a lot of work on this project. Scott Smith was ready with a report and to answer questions. Norris Krall is having cards made ready for the community. All paper work must be ready to be presented to the Indiana Department of Commerce by May 1996 in order that the program (NAP) might be approved. Arriest Uday prepared a program on "Do you remember when there was no video or nintendo games for children?" She talked about how children spent their time playing Fox & Geese, Crack the Whip, Tin Can Shinney, Handy Over and Drop the Handkerchief. Most everyone had another game to add to the list.

GIFTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

Annual dues for R.C.H.S. are \$5.00 per year, payable January 1. Life membership is \$100.00

If you wish the name and address of others working on your family line please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, no fee. There is a \$2.00 research fee for each surname or question dealing with specific points concerning Ripley County. We cannot do a complete family history. We are not a paid staff. Family history committee members do this voluntarily. Charge for copies: 25¢ for 8"x11" and 50¢ for 11"x17".

The Ripley County History Book II is available for \$55. There are books on Johnson and Brown township cemetery records - \$7.50 + \$1.50 if mailed. Please send requests to:

Mrs. Donald Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

"It's a Small World" letter I think you will enjoy---

Dear Mrs. Glover,

It was with sadness to read in the Oct. 95 Bulletin that Mr. Herb Thompson had gone to the Great Architect in the Heavens.

I have a story about "Herb" that I would like to share with the Reader of the R.C.H.S. Bulletin.

I, Noble W. Dickerson was born Dec. 19, 1911 at Versailles, my father, James A. "Squirrely" Dickerson was Born 1874 in Versailles and my grandfather was born in 1847 in Versailles and my mother Anna Johnson was born in Elrod.

My family moved to North Vernon in December 1916. I went to school and was graduated in May 1930.

After school I moved around the country and landed here in Largo, Florida in 1962.

During one of my trips back north in 1986 I stopped at the R.C.H.S. Museum. The only person at the museum was, I found out after we introduced each other Mr. Herb Thompson.

After chatting for a short time, Herb asked me if I knew a "Squirrely" Dickerson. When I told him that "Squirrely was my father who had died in 1953 at North Vernon.

The Herb told me that as a lad, he went fishing his father and my father many times. It seems that our fathers were quite friendly.

Up to the day that I first met "Herb" I had no idea how much info there was at the museum regarding my Dickerson family.

Needless to say during my many trips back North, I always stopped to see Herb and go to lunch.

All that I know of my family around Versailles I received by or thru Mr. Herbert Thompson. He was a very Unusual person.

Sincerely Yours

Noble W. Dickerson

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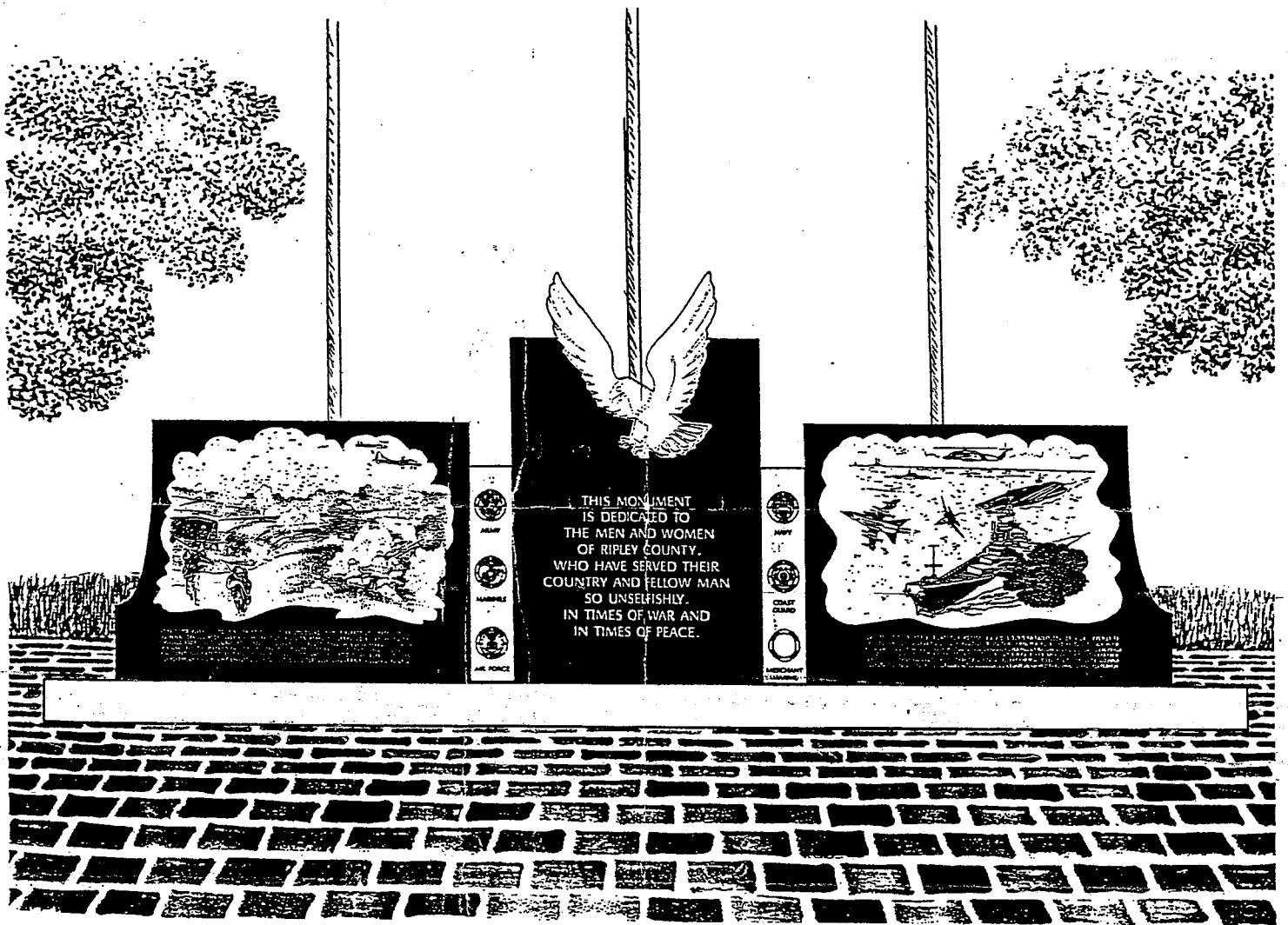
I tried to copy this as close as possible to the way he print-wrote it to me. I feel like I would know him if I saw him.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Declaration of Intent Ripley Co. 1928-1944 film Jan 6

ROTH FAMILY 1847-1995 94 pgs. from Feb. '96
Virginia Reser, Olney, Ill (filed in drawer)

FLATER FAMILY PAPERS. from Mar '96
Delight H. Flater, N.J. (sent to Alan Smith)



"NEW HISTORY"

The Ripley County Veterans' memorial will be dedicated Memorial Day, May 27, 1996, immediately following the ceremonies at Cliff Hill Cemetery.

This "one of a kind" memorial is located on the S E corner of the Courthouse square in Versailles. It is 30 feet wide at the base and 10½ feet high with three flagpoles behind the upright slabs of granite. The area surrounding it is paved with bricks, 1475 of which are inscribed with names of Veterans of all wars and dedicated to the Veterans of Ripley County from the Revolutionary to the present and into the future.

Bricks may be purchased in the memorial area for any honorably discharged veteran, and for donors, whose bricks will be in approach walkways, for a manimum donation of \$40 each.

A ceremony was held on Veterans' Day (my generation called it Armistice Day). It was a nasty day and the program was moved to the Legion. The Memorial could not be completed at that time because the quarry had difficulty getting slabs large enough that had no flaws or defects.

If you haven't visited the site please take the time to see it or visit again when it is finished for Memorial Day. It is very impressive even now and will be a magnificent tribute to our Veterans when it is finished.

Anyone wishing additional information may write to: *HAROLD HOPKINS*, Veterans' Service Officer, P.O. Box 185, Versailles, IN 47042 or call (812) 689-7165 from 8 to 4 Mon, Tues, and Wed.

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1890.

- Harry F. Bain, B. S., Ph. D., Geologist, Idaho Springs, Colo.
 Sam F. Huffman, B. S., Locomotive Engineer, Pueblo, Colo.
 Charles Willard Lewis, B. S., M. S., D. D., President Moores Hill College,
 Moores Hill, Ind.
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1891.

- Jennie E. Fleming, A. B., Springdale, Ind.
 Lillian Carter, B. S., Teacher, Delaware, Ind.
 Clarence Lambertson, A. B., Reporter, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Rose T. Robertson, B. S., Matron in George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.
 Verdon W. Ross, B. S., Electrician, Salem, Ohio.

1892.

- Ulysses G. Abbott, A. B., Minister, Niblevel, Ind.
 Edward A. Wood, A. B., Rookport, Ind.

1893.

- John L. Brown, A. B., Indianapolis, Ind.
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 University, Greencastle, Indiana.
 Laura Liddle, B. S., Teacher, Summitville, Ind.
 Edwin O. Strickler, B. S., Merchant, Girard, Kan.
 Will Denison Robinson, B. S., D., Cashier in Bank, Sunman, Ind.

1894.

- Clara B. Bigney, B. S., Librarian in Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Ind.
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 Carrie E. Bigney, B. S., Moores Hill, Ind.
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 Clyde A. Jennings, B. S., Editor, Centralia, Ill.
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 Earle Eugene Martin, A. B., Managing Editor of News, Indianapolis, Ind.
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 Alfred Ross, A. B., Supt. Schools, Carlisle, Ohio.
 Ben H. Scranton, A. B., Farmer, Rising Sun, Ind.

MOORES HILL COLLEGE

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 Perry Canfield, B. S., D., Teacher, Scipio, Ind.

1895.

- Carrie Mildred Beatty, A. B., Trained Nurse, Topeka, Kan.
 Clarence O. Bonnell, B. S., M. S., Minister, Brownstown, Ind.
 Luelia Clark Green, A. B., Trained Nurse, Buffalo, N. Y.
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1896.

- Charles H. Beckett, B. S., Teacher in Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
 Ida May Bonnell, A. B., Brownstown, Ind.
 Henry Clay Doles, B. S., Supt. Schools, Clarksburg, Ind.
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 Benjamin Potter, A. B., Teacher, East Enterprise, Ind.
 John Thomas Scull, B. S., Minister, Bloomington, Ind.
 John Chambers Wood, A. B., Trained Nurse, New York City.

1897.

- Walker Edward Beatty, A. B., Electrician, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Nellie Clark, B. S., Teacher, Bellevue, Ky.
 Edward Isazo LaBue, B. S., M. S., Minister, Scottsburg, Ind.
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 Clara Maude Smith, B. S., Lawrenceburg, Ind.

1898.

- Edith Elizabeth Boldrey, B. S., M. S., Teacher, Osgood, Ind.
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