

**The Quarterly Bulletin
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▲ Quarterly Meeting

The Ripley Co. Historical Society will meet **Sunday, October 14th, at 2:00 pm** at the Archive Library on the West side of Versailles Courthouse Square. The program will be given by Ken Hyman and Owen Menchhofer on the 65th anniversary of the Korean War. Refreshment by: Otter Creek Twp.

▲ Library Hours

The RCHS Archives Library is open for public research weekdays 1 – 4 pm, except holidays, Pumpkin Show week, also the week before and between Christmas and New Year. The Library will also be closed during inclement weather. **NOTICE:** The Museum will be open on Sunday Afternoons 2-4 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day & on Pumpkin Show Saturday Sep. 29th. Questions call 812-689-3031.

NOTICE: 2018 Yearly Dues are due in January 2018. Mail your renewal for 2018 to RCHS at P.O. Box 525, Versailles, IN 47042 Dues: Annual \$15; Life \$150.

▲ Research

Research is free to all members and \$7.00 for non-members. Copies/scans are \$1.00 per page for everyone and can be sent via email or in paper form. To take pictures of copies a \$2.00 charge will be taken. Please make your research requests via email or regular mail.

▲ Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to donate 3 hours of their time one day a week, Monday – Friday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. If you live in Delaware or Franklin Township, please consider volunteering to be a director from your county. Contact Cheryl Welch if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

▲ Books

The WWII War Veterans Book, titled LEST WE FORGET, is still available. It can be obtained for \$25 at (1) Batesville Historical Society which is located on George Street next to the Post Office, (2) the Osgood Museum on South Buckeye Street (on Friday or Saturday afternoons) or in Versailles at the Ripley County Historical Society Library on the west side of the Courthouse Square (open every weekday afternoon from 1 to 4). Also, LEST WE FORGET can be ordered for shipment by mail for \$30. Checks should be made payable to Ripley County Historical Society. We give our heartfelt thanks to Joan and Norris Krall. We are now printing the Ripley County History Book Vol. II

▲ Ripley County – 200 Years

A book is being put together for the Ripley County Bi-Centennial covering 1818 – 2018. We are looking for information from each township such as: old communities no longer in existence, schools, churches, cemeteries, etc. Interesting old stories or historical events that occurred would be great as well as more recent information. Please send your stories to the Ripley County Historical Society Archives by email, staff@rchslib.org, or mail, P O Box 525, Versailles, IN.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the REMC ROUNDUP for the grant to buy new file folders and hanging files to update the Family Files.

We want to thank the TYSON FUND for the grant helping with the purchase of file folders, heavy duty binders, sheet protectors and mailing labels.

Thanks so much for your help in restoring the Family Files for the public to view.
Cheryl and the Historical Society Directors and Staff

We received a Thank you and Donation from Main Street Versailles for all our help on the Versailles Bicentennial Celebration and having the Museum and Archives open to the public. We had over 100 people all together to visit both buildings.

Boston Cookies

One cup of butter, one and one-half cups of sugar, three eggs, one teaspoon of soda, one and one-half tablespoons of hot water, three and one-fourth cups of flour, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one cup of chopped walnuts, one-half cup of currants, one-half cup of seeded chopped raisins. Cream the butter, add the sugar gradually. Add eggs well beaten. Add soda dissolved in water, half of the flour mixed and sifted with salt and cinnamon, then add nut meats, fruit and remaining flour.

Drop by spoonful's one inch apart on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven.

Fannie M. Farmer 1816

RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

The summer quarterly meeting of the Society was held at the RCHS Archives Building on Sunday, July 8, 2018. President Cheryl Welch opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Frank Keenan read the minutes for the spring 2018 quarterly meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer Owen Menchhofer distributed the Treasurer's Report which reflected the Society's \$125.00 sponsorship of the County's Bi-Centennial Book. It also reflected the receipt of a \$1,000.00 donation to the Society from former resident of Cross Plains, Doctor Danny Copeland, following the assistance he received from Vice President Drockelman in researching the Society's Archives. This is the third generous donation the Society has received from Doctor Copeland in recent years. Included in the Treasurer's report was the REMC's generous donation for sorely needed new "family" file folders for the archives.

Jerry Wilson, of the Versailles Bi-Centennial Committee gave an excellent summary of the numerous events scheduled for the Versailles Bi-Centennial Celebration, such as: the American Legion's sponsorship of the "Taste of Versailles" food vendors; a Civil War Encampment; a horse drawn carriage ride around Versailles passing by many interesting and/or historic sites; and extended open hours for the Society's Archives Building and the 1830's Smith-Engel log cabin on the Museum grounds.

Mr. Victor Sarringhaus of Napoleon noted that restoration of Napoleon's old Central House continues; and will hopefully be completed in time for Napoleon's bi-centennial in 2020. Presently, various events continue to take place at Central House, such as a style show of vintage clothing in late July.

The program was presented by Jarrod Rodgers, a grandson of "Gus" Moorhead; he played at Madison and coached in Versailles. Jarrod has compiled, and commented on numerous of his grandfather's extensive articles for the Old Coach Sez, covering basketball in book one and baseball in book two.

"Gus" Moorhead's writing style is exceptionally engaging and both books are an overall good read.

On behalf of himself and other living Ripley County Vietnam War veterans, Secretary Frank Keenan expressed the veterans' deep appreciation to Ripley County's Ross Run Chapter of the DAR for the substantial time and effort they invested to secure and distribute the Presidential "Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War," and the accompanying lapel pin which recites: "A grateful nation thanks and honors you."

Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed the homemade ice cream social traditionally held following the Society's summer meeting.

Otter Creek Township is responsible for refreshments at the autumn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Keenan, Secretary

KOREAN WAR

Article taken from the History Channel on the internet

On June 25, 1950, the Korean War began when some 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army poured across the 38th parallel, the boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south. This invasion was the first military action of the Cold War. By July, American troops had entered the war on South Korea's behalf. As far as American officials were concerned, it was a war against the forces of international communism itself. After some early back-and-forth across the 38th parallel, the fighting stalled and casualties mounted with nothing to show for them.

Meanwhile, American officials worked anxiously to fashion some sort of armistice with the North Koreans. The alternative, they feared, would be a wider war with Russia and China, or even, as some warned, World War III. Finally, in July 1953, the Korean War came to an end. In all, some 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives during the war. The Korean peninsula is still divided today.

THE TWO KOREAS

"If the best minds in the world had set out to find us the worst possible location in the world to fight this damnable war," U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson (1893 -1971) once said, "the unanimous choice would have been Korea." The peninsula had landed in America's lap almost by accident. Since the beginning of the 20th century, Korea had been a part of the Japanese empire, and after World War II it fell to the Americans and the Soviets to decide what should be done with their enemy's imperial possessions. In August 1945, two young aides at the State Department divided the Korean peninsula in half along the 38th parallel. The Russians occupied the area north of the line and the United States occupied the area to its south.

"NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY"?

This was something that President Truman and his advisers decidedly did not want: They were sure that such a war would lead to Soviet aggression

in Europe, the deployment of atomic weapons and millions of senseless deaths. To General MacArthur, however, anything short of this wider war represented "appeasement," an unacceptable knuckling under to the communists.

As President Truman looked for a way to prevent war with the Chinese, MacArthur did all he could to provoke it. Finally, in March 1951, he sent a letter to Joseph Martin, a House Republican leader who shared MacArthur's support for declaring all-out war on China and who could be counted upon to leak the letter to the press. "There is," MacArthur wrote, "no substitute for victory" against international communism.

For Truman, this letter was the last straw. On April 11, the president fired the general for insubordination.

THE KOREAN WAR REACHES A STALEMATE

In July 1951, President Truman and his new military commanders started peace talks at Panmunjom. Still, the fighting continued along the 38th parallel as negotiations stalled. Both sides were willing to accept a ceasefire that maintained the 38th parallel boundary, but they could not agree on whether prisoners of war should be forcibly "repatriated." (The Chinese and the North Koreans said yes; the United States said no.) Finally, after more than two years of negotiations, the adversaries signed an armistice on July 27, 1953. The agreement allowed the POWs to stay where they liked; drew a new boundary near the 38th parallel that gave South Korea an extra 1,500 square miles of territory; and created a 2-mile-wide "demilitarized zone" that still exists today.

CASUALTIES OF THE KOREAN WAR

The Korean War was relatively short but exceptionally bloody. Nearly 5 million people died. More than half of these, about 10 percent of Korea's pre-war population, were civilians. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II and Vietnam's.) Almost 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea, and more than 100,000 were wounded.

BOOKS FOR SALE

A Century of Schools	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Adams Township Cemetery Directory		\$10.00
Broken Wings	by Robert Kelly	\$20.00
Brown Township Cemetery Records		\$10.00
Brown Township Tales	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Historic Travel Guide to Ripley County	by Paul R Wanning	\$23.00
History of Adams Township 1950	by Harold Freeland	\$20.00
Jackson Township Cemetery Records		\$13.00
Johnson Township Cemetery Records		\$10.00
Lest We Forget WWII	by RCHS	\$25.00
Milan, Indiana: A Storied Past 1854-2004		\$16.00
Napoleon & Vicinity Sesquicentennial 1820-1970		\$12.00
Old Timbers	by Chilton Thompson	\$23.00
Osgood Indiana Sesquicentennial 1856-2006		\$17.00
Passing Point	by Don Morrison	\$8.00
Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots with Ties to Ripley County Indiana	by Marlene Jan McDerment	\$34.00
Ripley Country, In Vintage Post Cards	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Ripley County History, Volume I		\$65.00
Ripley County History, Volume II	(Paperback)	\$25.00
Passing Point	by Don Morrison	\$8.00
Story of the Bradt Fund, the F. Hale Bradt Family and their Versailles, Indiana Farm 1906-2001		n/c
Sugar Branch	by Don Morrison	\$16.00
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Tales of Versailles	by Alan Smith	\$16.00
The Dark Line	by Don Morrison	\$20.00
Those First Bright Days of Elvis	by Josephine Rascoe Keenan	\$14.00
In Those Dazzling Days of Elvis	by Josephine Rascoe Keenan	\$14.00
Versailles, Indiana School Life 1818-1966	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Wilbur's War (Abridged)	by Hale Bradt	\$15.00

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