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Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

Henry James, quoted by Edith Wharton in
"A Backward Glance".

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The Art of Humility

The art of humility begins with a recognition of our dependence on others and an appreciation of God's gift of life. A man becomes humble when he is aware of the enormous debt he owes to others who have labored through the ages to fashion the world he lives in. When he considers how little he knows of all there is to know. When he stands under the stars at night and meditates. Out of such contemplation a man becomes truly humble.

From the Art of Living books
by Wilferd A. Peterson

May Meeting

Sixty-six members and guests were present at the May meeting of the H C H S when we met at the Stilesville Christian Church on May Day. This was an especially good attendance in view of the fact that our meeting date had been changed because of Mothers Day. During the business meeting a committee was appointed to conduct a membership drive, and it was also decided to organize a Friends of the Museum group. Dorothy Kelley sent a written report on activities at the Museum, and we were all impressed with what Dorothy and her helpers have been able to accomplish. It takes years to get a museum to be what it should be, but this Museum Board has already accomplished wonders, and we owe a vote of thanks to the many who have spent so many hours on this project.

Our guest speaker, Mr. John Hume, gave a most interesting talk on the Mayflower Transit Company which was founded by Conrad Gentry, an uncle of Mr. Hume's and which is marking its 50th year in 1977. He presented each member present with a beautiful road atlas commemorating the milestone. It proved to be a most interesting program. Ladies of Guilford, Liberty, Clay and Franklin townships served as hostesses.

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August Meeting

Our next meeting will be at Tri West High School at Lizton, the new beautiful modern consolidation of the Eel River, Union and Middle township schools. August 14th is the date and Maxine Dale will serve as chairman. The ladies of the three townships will be hostesses. Mary Ann Moore is preparing a talk on outstanding Hendricks County women and we hear an interesting skit complete with costumes is on the agenda. This promises to be an afternoon none of us will want to miss.

Ruth Hall has many pictures of the old schools in Union Township. For our display table, why not dig up pictures of the early schools, especially of the three townships, and contrast them with the fine new facility we will be enjoying.

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Our New Look

Some of you will notice that our cover has a new look. Our bright, shiny seals proved to be an expensive luxury, so when Ruth Pritchard came up with the Hendricks County seal, we all decided it looked just as good. Hope you all like it.

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When we read about the struggles and the hardships endured by our forebears, we sometimes wonder if they had occasion to laugh. And when we look at the grim, stern expressions on their faces in their photographs, we feel that surely a sense of humor was almost unknown in those days. Among the papers we found at the Museum, however, was this hand-written notation with no clue as to the author. Make of it what you will.

Explicite Rail-road Orders

Headquarters C. S. I. C.
February 10, 1875.

General Order No. 1

Hereafter all employees on this road, when on duty, will wear the regulation uniform as follows.-

President, - Plug hat, red band, red drawers, blue socks, and will be more peticular known by the company he keeps.

Superintendants, - Blue cap, gold band, spotted drawers, white star behind, sober on 3rd, 21 days of month.

General Ticket Agent, Plug hat, blue band, varigated drawers, and a dimond B on each flank.

Auditor, - Straw hat, green band, no drawers, white duck pance and a tooth pick.

Treasuar, - Straw hat, yellow drawers, paper colar, and the letters X A conspicuously displayed on the seat of his pance.

Master Mechanic, - Plug hat, yellow band, no drawers, no socks and a mustard plaster on his behind.

Road Master. Plug hat carried in coat hindsides, red top boots and a black eye.

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One of the delightful finds at the Museum is a ledger full of poems and essays by Rosalie D. Hamblin of Clayton. It is entitled "Pen Scratches" by Rosalie Dupont (apparently her pen name). It is dedicated to the "Sacred Memory of the Happy Days which come no more...This little book is humbly inscribed." The book contains more than 100 hand written pages. Rosalie must have been a writer of note, for her poems and articles were printed in newspapers and read at many occasions. A clipping reads as follows: "Died - At her home in Clayton Jan. 6, 1886, Miss Rosalie Hamblen, age 25 years, 11 months and 21 days." We have much material which we will use in future bulletins, but because of a recent celebration, we will use a few clippings which she had in her ledger.

Of interest to many Hendricks County people is the recent celebration of Mrs. Myrtle Rains Mitchell's 100th birthday at the Peabody Memorial Home, North Manchester, Indiana, July 17th. Myrtle Rains was born July 17, 1877 at Raintown, north of Pittsboro. She spent most of her childhood in Plainfield. She married Amos Mitchell of Clayton, October 2, 1895, where they spent most of their married life. They have two sons, Paul Owen, Montrose, Alabama, and Richard Mitchell, Union City, Tennessee, 7 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

In Rosalie Hamblen's ledger is the following lengthy clipping which we will quote in part. Headline: "Harrison at Clayton". "Reunion of General Harrison's Old Regiment, the 70th Indiana, at Clayton". "An Immense Audience in Attendance - Estimated 15,000 People. An Orderly and Creditable Meeting".

"One of the grandest days ever witnessed in Hendricks County was Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1888. It was the day on which the brave old 70th regiment of Indiana volunteers held their annual reunion. It was General Harrison's old regiment, commanded by him during the first years of the war as Colonel. He met his surviving comrades on this memorable occasion, and his connections with the event brought to the town of Clayton fully 15,000 people. Such a multitude never gathered in the county before. The day was pleasant, and the good people of Clayton so arranged the programme that absolutely nothing was left undone that was likely to contribute to the general comfort and entertainment.

"General Harrison, being president of the reunion association, took the chair immediately upon his arrival, and, after prayer by Sergeant Mateer, he was bidden welcome by Miss Mary Mitchell, daughter of Captain W. C. Mitchell, of Clayton. Miss Mitchell's address was touching and eloquent." (The entire speech was quoted.)

"The speech was received with great enthusiasm by the whole assembly, every member of which was entirely carried away by the spirit of the occasion, as aroused by the lady's address of welcome and the inspiring words it elicited. The dinner hour arrived soon after, and vast crowds gathered in groups and around the stands, while the old regiment and its friends repaired to a quarter of the grove set apart for them, and an hour was spent in social intercourse and general enjoyment.

"The afternoon was devoted by the comrades to short speeches and thrilling reminiscences of the war. The stand was at all times surrounded by an immense throng of eager listeners thousands of whom seized the opportunity to grasp the General by the hand. The Secretary's report showed that 300 survivors of the old regiment were present. This regiment enlisted, all told, 1,248 men, and the war statistics show that 43 were killed in action; 43 died from wounds, 194 wounded in action; 5 wounded accidentally; 102 died from disease; total 387. Fourteen years ago the regimental association was formed.

"The meeting at Clayton was the most interesting ever yet held. The order was perfect, and this was mainly owing to the quality of the crowd, though the excellent police regulations kept the rowdy element, if there, very quiet. The people of Clayton deserve great credit for the success of this occasion."

With the above clipping, we found the following one from the Hendricks County Republican, but no date could be found. The heading of this clipping was "Hymenial". (Editor's Note: If you don't know what that word means, run to your dictionaries, for that is what we had to do!)

"Candy-Mitchell - On the 13th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. C. Mitchell, of Clayton, Indiana, by Elder U. C. Brewer, Mr. U. S. Candy, of Jonesboro, Grant County, to Miss Mollie Mitchell.

"At about 6 P.M. the guests began to arrive and were ushered into the parlors.

"At 7:30 the bride and groom, unattended, entered the room, preceded by Elder Brewer, and took their places upon the floor. Here the ceremony was performed in that impressive manner so common to his style. The bride wore a becoming dark blue silk, trimmed in steel pasmentry, adorned by nothing save a white rusche at the throat, fastened by a small gold pin and a small bouquet of flowers at the belt. The groom was dressed in the conventional black.

"After congratulations by their many relatives and friends, refreshments were served by Allen N. Bell, the Danville restaurant man, in a style that would put to shame a Delimonico and with viands that would tempt the most exacting epicure.

"Miss Mollie was a lady of rare ability and had attained quite an enviable reputation as an orator and teacher, while her Christian example in the Church and Sabbath School is one which will long be remembered by her host of admirers and friends. Mr. Candy is a farmer living near Jonesboro and is an estimable gentleman."

There followed a list of some 40 wedding presents and the names of the donors which we will spare you, altho most of the names would be recognized by many old timers. The last gift listed was a cake stand and broom, given by a pair of Old Maids.

Miss Mary (or Mollie) Mitchell was a sister of Amos Mitchell, Myrtle Mitchell's husband.

One of our most active and important V I P's is Betty Lane of the Plainfield Public Library. She is always popping into the news, but the most recent big time splash was in the Indianapolis Star Magazine of July 12, 1977. She authored an article entitled "Voices of the Past" which discussed oral history - What? Why? and How?. Space does not permit us to do credit to her most interesting report on oral history, but her reference to Grace Veatch's oral report of the fire at Cartersburg Springs prompted us to ask Grace to write the account for us. So here it is, in Grace's own words. Some names are intentionally omitted.

The Cartersburg Springs Fire

In the 1880's, men from central Hendricks County bought the Cartersburg Springs and formed the Cartersburg Springs Mineral Corporation, and sold shares in it. They were quite optimistic and shares sold well for a time. My father spent the first money he had ever earned on one share which I hold today. They had great plans and dreams. The property included what was later called "Spring Farm" which they had surveyed and marked off into town lots. For the hotel, the bathing sanitorium was going places. They planned a town of which Cartersburg would be just a suburb.

But soon they began to have disagreements and the shares didn't sell so well. The disagreements grew worse. In 1900 - 1907 some one suggested selling "Spring Farm" and my father purchased it. One member of the corporation was so angry that he held a lot in the middle of the farm. He would, so he said, build a hotel on it and run the others out of business. He was so angry, that when one member of the company survived a serious illness, he was livid, and so the grudge grew.

Later, Dr. Kimberlin and Armand Kasey (she is not sure of the spelling) purchased the balance of Cartersburg Springs, hired experts and soon select parties from Indianapolis were eating dinners, coming out for week ending, drinking the water and bathing in the sanitorium.

By 1904, many people were sending their children, with their nurse maids, out for the summer. Parents came out for the weekends. The hotel was doing well. Many wealthy and prominent people were making the place a social center. Thus the Cartersburg Mineral Springs became a thriving business and a social center.

The year 1906 was a good one, but soon the season was over. All the rooms were engaged for the next year and building plans for additional guest rooms were on the planning board. Mr. Allison, the proprietor, moved his belongings up on the hill where there would be more heat for the cold months ahead. It had been a hard day, and finally the family slept soundly.

It was a beautiful autumn night. The harvest full moon shone brightly and all seemed well. But suddenly a bright light was seen and a crash was heard. At first Mr. Allison thought he saw only the full moon, but then he smelled smoke.

The neighbors on the north were my family. We were awakened by Mr. Allison's cry, "Fire!". Father, too, saw the moon, and, at first, thought it a joke, but when he became wide awake, he saw the difference. He immediately went to Mr. Allison's aid while Mother went to the telephone to notify anyone who could come to help. She cried into the telephone, "The Springs are on fire!!!!"

The fire had apparently started in the bath house which was back of the hotel proper. Men began to remove furniture from the parlor, but the fire was progressing rapidly. Some one asked, "Can the building on the hill be saved?"

A bridge connected the building on the hill to the upstairs porch on the building below. The men, in desperation, saved the bridge in two and thus the fire did not spread. While they were sawing, they heard the sound of horses' hoofs, and a buggy slowly crossing the bridge.

"Good! There is more help coming from Cartersburg!" the fire fighters shouted. But no! The rig moved quickly up the hill, and as a next door neighbor reported, it turned at the next road south and went toward Martinsville.

The night was calm, and as I have said before, was light as day. The fire had too good a start for a bucket brigade to handle. All that could have been done was to have saved the building on the hill and prevent the spread of the fire on the grounds. The roof of our house across the road, as well as the building on the hill was saved. Nothing else could have been done.

We stood on the hill and watched the bedrooms fall in one by one. I can close my eyes today and see that horrible picture.

Mr. Allison said, "The fire insurance premium was due at noon today!"

The following morning a container of oil soaked rags was found just back of the bath house. Clearly, it was a case of arson.

Dr. Kimberlin owned 51% of the Cartersburg Mineral Springs, Inc. His partner wanted to rebuild and to make a "free and easy" resort. Dr. Kimberlin, however, said in pretty plain language, "If it can't be a clean, wholesome Christian place, it will be nothing."

Thus the curtain fell on the once famous Cartersburg Springs.

However, the water from these springs has been bottled and sold widespread until very recent years, for its medicinal qualities.

(Ed.s Note: I cherish a bottle from the Cartersburg Springs. If you want a collectors item, just try to get a bottle from this famous spa!)

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We Have a T V Show

On August 12, at 8:30 P.M. and August 13 at 3:30 P.M. a panel of members of our society will appear on Chanel 20 to tell the story of our Hendricks County History. Our president, Mary Jeanette Winkleman, Margaret Petraits and Clark Kellum will appear with Roger Coleman, moderator, to discuss the book. Mark those dates on your calendar and remember to tune in. Who could ask for better publicity than that? A bird told me we have Margaret Petraits to thank for that.

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How Chair - able Are You?

Yes, the word is chair-able. No, it is not a misprint.

Our growing museum is in need of good folding chairs. We have offered our facility to clubs and organizations to use for meetings and a number of groups have already taken advantage of this offer. In order to accommodate these groups we need good, safe chairs. A sturdy, metal folding chair can be bought for approximately \$6.00. If each member would donate a few dollars to a chair fund, we could soon have enough to purchase the badly needed chairs. I repeat - How chair - able are you? Send to Chair Fund - Box 128 - Danville, IN 46122.

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We have a copy of a marriage certificate issued December 5, 1882 in Hendricks County to James Livingston Mitchell and Elizabeth Ellen Patterson. Elizabeth Ellen Patterson was a sister of Fanny Vandergrift Stevenson. They called her "Betty". She was the third child of Jacob and Esther Vandegrift. (Fanny, or Frances, was the oldest). Betty's first husband (Patterson, a West Point trained Army officer) served at frontier forts in the West. She was widowed, and this was her second marriage. James Livingston Mitchell (who was usually called Livingston) was the son of Samuel Calhoun Mitchell, a Presbyterian minister whose "circuit" churches included the Clayton Presbyterian Church.

This information comes from Betty Lane at the Plainfield Library. Thanks, Betty.

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May 31, 1917 THE PLAINFIELD MESSENGER

STORM AT DANVILLE

The worst hail storm ever recorded in Hendricks County struck Danville at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon raged for ten minutes, inflicting great property loss. Chunks of ice measuring more than six inches in circumference hurled through the air crashing through windows and skylights and breaking street lamps. Horses tied outside became frantic and men trying to prevent runaways were severely bruised by the hailstones. The roar of the storm was deafening. The clouds descended and rolled through the streets as fog, giving the whole town the appearance of being on fire. The large hail stones struck the pavements with a noise like gunfire. Fruit trees were damaged and early gardens ruined. Wheatfields in the path of the storm suffered heavily north and west of town. The stones rolled into gulleys until they became three feet and more in depth; some of which are still there to be seen, somewhat washed away. Mr. Jenkins had a horse to drown during the storm, while trying to cross the creek.

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Queries:

Wish to correspond with descendants of Abijah COX and Sarah CARTER m. 1821 in Chatham Co. NC. came to Wayne Co. Ind. 1822 and to Hendricks Co. in 1823 or 24.
Grace Cox, 494 West Clinton St. Danville, IN 46122

Wish to correspond with descendants of Michael MILLER and Jane COX m. in Hendricks Co. Aug 25, 1849. Buried in Irons Cemetery Liberty Twp, Hendricks Co.
Grace Cox, 494 West Clinton Street, Danville, IN 46122

Wish to correspond with descendants of David M. Cox and Elizabeth Burke m. in Hendricks Co. July 24, 1856.
Grace Cox, 494 West Clinton St., Danville, IN 46122

Wish to correspond with descendants of Andrew J. Cox b. about 1835 in Hendricks Co. IN.
Grace Cox, 494 West Clinton, St., Danville, IN 46122

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Corn Cutting

Years ago a farmer arose early and went to his field while the corn was wet with dew for that was the best time to tie the "stools" that would hold his corn fodder that day of twelve hills square. It should be remembered that corn planted in other days

was in hills and could be plowed lengthways of the field and crosswise as well. When the shocks were put up the whole length of the field they were always in line and the same distance apart. The cutting of corn and putting it into shocks was a job that required abundant energy; sweat and careful handling of ever sharp corn knife that could slice a shin or instep. It was an "itchy" job for one encountered insects and at times, worms on corn leaves and weeds. Corn blades often left cuts on hands and neck. Corn cutting was a farm job for younger men. Such men often took jobs of cutting a neighbor's corn twelve hills square and as many as three hundred or more shocks. The old price for this work in Marion and Clay Townships was ten cents per shock. Each shock had to be tied a fourth of the way down from the top and this was done with a limber corn stack or with binder twine. Two active men could put up a hundred shocks each good day and many liked to boast of more.

Our modern agricultural revolution has ruled out the fodder shock, the ancient corn knife, the pumkins in the field and the once-upon-a-time corn shredder. A state like North Carolina may have fodder shocks to-day, but few if any in Indiana.

Timber Ditches

Grandfather walked in his scuffed, leather boots with the aging and professional ditch digger to a swag near the center of his south field. A lesser swag or low place came from the east to join the greater one that extended north and south some thirty rods or more. At a place near the field's center grandfather stopped, pointed, and said; "Dig down a couple of feet here".

After spading for several minutes the old timber ditch was located. It had been made and put into the earth to carry away surplus water in Grandfather's early years. As the old ditch digger and grandfather pried loose the box-like wooden structure and threw out the sections in whole or most often in badly decayed pieces. Each section of the ancient ditch was around twelve feet in length and made of three boards. The box-like structure had two sides and a top but no bottom. This timber tiling was made to carry water through a space six inches square. When sections had been laid as far as a ditch was needed, the ditch was filled up and the top board kept the ditch open and carrying water for many a year. In the day and years prior to tile making of clay the timber ditch was the answer to carry away standing water. Farmers long ago who could not afford the timber, box ditch would substitute poles and brush to get water away from low and marshy land. This aged and crumbling timber ditch was unearthed more than eighty years ago. When new, the timber had to be a type that would last well underground. A time came when the farmer hauled burned clay tile from the Ellis Tile Factory in Coatesville and timber was used no longer.

Has anyone in the county seen a timber ditch? Can the type of wood be named? Could such a ditch still be in use? The one described was in Clay Township, west of Hadley.

Joe Davidson

Century Old Clippings

By Grace Cox

HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION, January 1, 1874

Cartersburg

Despite the panic there have been some improvements here in the neighborhood. Col. Fletcher, two miles south, is erecting a commodious barn.

William Little is repairing the buildings on the farm lately bought from R.G. Little.

W. W. Irons, our wheat merchant, Harry Rawlings, and Mr. Hudson is each having a new stable.

---Item Catcher

DANVILLE

William Tinder took unto himself for a life partner one of Putnam Co. Belles.

George Weaver went to Missouri lastweek for a wife and returned home happy as a bird.

Marriage Licenses that have been Issued: William S. Jones--Martha Neff; James W. Hickman--Lucinda Leak; Henry Bruce--Louisa Rollins; Albert Carter--Lillie Dill; George W. Byers--E.M. Olive Rice; J. W. Brock--Victoria Canary; Melvin Gibbs--Lucinda Woods; George W. Baker--Mary E. Hall.

The new School Building used for the for the first time.

The passenger fare over the C.C.C. & I.R.R. known as the "Bee Line," has been reduced to 3¢ a mile.

THE HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION, February 12, 1874

Change of name to DANVILLE UNION

February 19, 1874

Danville

A meeting will be held this afternoon at Cartersburg for the purpose of organizing a joint stock company to erect and conduct a first-class hotel at mineral springs. A lease of these springs has been secured for 21 years...Prominent men present--W. R. McKeen, Pres. of Vandalia R. R.; Col. of Bates House; J. R. Morat and others...

THE UNION, Jan. 2, 1879

The Board of Managers of the H. Co. Orphan's Home will meet at the Residence of Mrs. Wm. McClelland.

Pittsboro

The people of Pittsboro were startled Friday night by the news that Dayton Cox, a respectable farmer of Center Township had met his death, caused by the kick of a horse.

Coatesville

The stave factory commenced operations last week. They have two sets of operatives and intend running day and night.

THE DANVILLE REPUBLICAN, Jan. 16, 1879

Insurance Meeting

The Farmers Cooperative Insurance Company of Hendricks County met in the clerk's office in Danville, January 13, at 1 P.M. The Association was called to order by President Daniel Cox.

On a call for business the Secretary A. H. Richardson read his report which showed a most prosperous and economic condition of the company.

No losses have occurred since its organization, and hence no assessment is necessary.

This being the annual meeting the next thing was election of officers--Daniel Cox, Pres.; Secy. Geo. Scearce; Directors for 1st Dist.--Liberty, Centre, Clay and Franklin Twp. D. W. Davis; 2nd District--Guilford and Washington James H. Cox 3rd Dist.--Marion, Eel River, and Union Joshua Tharp; 4th Dist.--Middle, Brown, and Lincoln, B. O. Davidson 5th Dist.--Monroe, Brown, and Adams Twp, Morgan Co. David Wilson.

The agent has issued 202 policies to 167 members. Aggregate of property insured \$285,000.

Comparative reports were read from other similarly managed companies, showing the losses to be much more cheaply paid on this plan than any other. Harmony and good feelings seemed to be the governing element and all seemed to go away well pleased with the co-operative insurance plan as far as tried.

Upon adjournment of the meeting the Board of management met and re-elected A. M. Hadley agent for the company.

The trying period of such a company is its initiatory steps, which it may be inferred have been cautiously taken, which gives confidence, and with such prestige it is believed that it will be little trouble to double the amount already insured and thus correspondingly lessen the per cent on losses.

THE DANVILLE REPUBLICAN, January 30, 1879

Dedication of the New M. E. Church

Last Sunday was a beautiful day and Danville did herself honor at the dedication of the new M.E. Church. The spacious chapel was filled to overflowing morning and evening. The ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Granville Moody, of Ohio. Bro. Moody's sermon was from the text found in the 5 & 6 verses of Psalm 137. The sermon was able and eloquent. At its close a subscription of over \$1,368 was raised, a sum more than sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness of the church. Dr. Smith of Thorn-town preached in the evening after which the dedicatory services proper of the M. E. Church were held. The Church is a beautiful edifice, nicely and neatly furnished, and is a credit to the town.

HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION February 6, 1879

Stilesville

William C. Cline and wife, of Clayton spent two weeks recently visiting their son-in-law here, F. M. McHaffie. Mr. Cline regrets very much that he could not attend the dedicatory services at the new M. E. Church at Danville, and thinks it would have consisted nicely with the fitness of things, since he built the first church there.

The schoolchildren will soon again be happily ensconced in the cozily furnished new School House.

The little children of the Orphan's Home are now brought to the M. E. Sabbath School in a body.

HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION February 20, 1879

A little three year old girl who volunteered to say grace at the table did so as follows: "Oh Lord, bress the things we eat; bress mamma and papa and gamma and gampa" and here casting up her eyes to her grandfather in the next seat, and discovering that he was smiling, the little one closed her prayer by saying "Behave yourself gampa---for Christ's sake. Amen"

Plainfield

Asher Kellum, Pres. of Friendswood Cheese Factory says they will open up the first of April.

The early settlers are fast passing away and the landmarks becoming obliterated. Elias Hadley still lives in the town and Daniel Cox who came in 1827 still resides here. These and other patriarchs have a vivid recollection of the early hardships and privations and tell of trials that the present generation believe only "by faith."

Barletts

A veracious citizen is authority for the statement that Rev. Mason, who had been holding a series of meetings at Barlett's Chapel, had a knife blade extracted from the roof of his mouth, one day last week, that a number of years ago was broken off in the upper part of his face and had worked downward until taken out as stated.

HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION March 20, 1879

Dual Wedding

Last Thursday a double wedding occurred at the residence of J. T. Barker of Center Valley. Parties Amos Marker and Laura Marley and Mr. Johnson and Alice Barker. The first named parties taking "snap judgment" on the preacher, who had only bargained to adjust the matrimonial noose on the latter named.

HENDRICKS COUNTY UNION April 3, 1879

Belleville

There were a number of applications for toll-keeper. Mr. James Winstead retains the position.

UNION ---Thurs. Apr. 10, 1879

Avon

The Department at Washington has instructed Postmaster Gossett to receive their mail at Avon; who would have thought our tiny office would so soon become a distributing office.

Winchester

The question of building the proposed narrow-gauge road is practically a thing of the past in this township. Rail Roads are entirely too common. There is nothing aristocratic in a railroad. Winchester is high toned, and will not be contented with anything less than a gravel road.