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The human story is too grand and awful to be told without reverence for the mystery and majesty that transcends all human knowledge. Only humble men who recognize this mystery and majesty are able to face both the beauty and the terror of life without exulting over the beauty or being crushed by its terror.

Reinhold Niebuhr

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The year 1981 is over. Its last weeks saw another space ship go beyond the atmosphere and make an early return to earth which was not in the plans for the re-entry. There was also an election of officers for the HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This new year offers great challenges and started with a winter storm with record breaking low temperatures and a new president and vice president who (you might say) gained offices in an off-year election. The rest of the fine officers were re-elected. We will do our best to bring this year a continued and planned progress to our HISTORICAL SOCIETY with the help and co-operation of the members which it has enjoyed in past years. We have a few projects in mind which we will discuss at the meeting.

As I succeed a most capable president (and a former school teacher), and many able and enthusiastic past presidents, I have a great task before me. It will be made much easier, however, since I have a very efficient vice-president in Mrs. Lois Crayton (also a former school teacher) and great co-operative members of her committee.

See you at the meetings.

Maynard Noland, president

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting was held the 1st at the lovely old United Methodist Church at Belleville. Marian Worrell, president, introduced Geneva Cook of the host church who presented Mrs. John Lynch, pianist, Mrs. Harvey Berhart, organist and her son Bruce and daughter-in-law, Sue, who treated us to a delightful program of instrumental numbers, vocal solos and duets. The Belleville church is greatly blest with musical talent. The devotions given by Lois Stratton were impressive and informative as she had just returned from a trip to Russia. Mr. Jim Cooper, a member of the church, gave an interesting history of Belleville, one of the oldest settlements in the state.

Dorothy Kelley introduced Mrs. Bobby Thomas of Marion Township who was elected by the Indiana Farm Bureau as State Farm Wife of 1979. In that capacity, she and her husband, Frank, won a trip to the Farm Bureau Convention at Phoenix in 1980 and she has travelled extensively telling the farmers' story. She, in turn, presented a group of farm wives, Mrs. Ken Edmondson, Mrs. Allen Harden, Mrs. Charles Whicker, Mrs. Dave Whicker and Mrs. Rick Thomas who, in costumes and with many props told in clever verse and songs of the various skills a farmer ... and his wife ... must have. It was a delightful program.

During the business meeting the need to sell the rest of our history books was stressed, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Clark Kellum, and the nominating committee gave the following report which was unanimously accepted: president, Maynard Nolan; vice, Lois Crayton; secretary, Mary Elizabeth Bray; treasurer, Blanche Wean. 45 members and 10 guests enjoyed the refreshments and social hour hosted by the ladies of Franklin, Clay and Liberty Townships.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be the 7th at 2:00 P.M. at the lovely new SAVINGS AND LOAN building located at 1486 E. Main St., Danville. It is on the east side of OLD FARMS addition (right next to the Pizza Hut, in case you get hungry!) Robert Castetter is chairman of the meeting and has arranged for a group from the Plainfield A.M.E. Church to discuss the subject NEGRO HERITAGE IN HENDRICKS COUNTY. Bring something ... any thing ... for the display table. We MUST keep our display table going. Be ready for delicious refreshments, for Dorothy Templin is chairman of the hostess committee composed of the ladies of Marion and Center townships. Let's hope Old Man Winter will have vented the worst of his wrath by that time so everyone can come. It is a beautiful room for meetings, there is plenty of parking space and NO STEPS TO CLIMB and furthermore it promises to be a most interesting meeting.

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1982 MEETINGS

Our Program Committee has really been on the ball! But when you see who our smart president appointed on that committee, you won't be surprised. Lois Crayton, vice president is, by virtue of her office, chairman of the Program Committee and serving with her are Robert Castetter, Dorothy Templin, Mary Jane Winkleman and Virginia Joseph. So that is the reason we have our year's meetings planned. Congratulations, Program Committee!

May 2 - Brownsburg Public Library (that beautiful new one!) The subject, A THOROUGHLY MODERN LIBRARY AND HOW IT WORKS presented by the library staff. We will be taken on a tour and shown how those mystical, magical gadgets work. They boggle my poor, feeble mind! But won't it be fun!

August 1 - Pittsboro United Methodist Church. The beautiful church is located on the east edge of Pittsboro on the south side of Road 136. The subject of the program will be A MEETING OF THE OLYMPIAN LYCEUM. Now if you don't know what that is all about, you will just have to come to the meeting to find out. But please don't expect any members of the Winter Olympics teams there!

November 7 - Bartlett's Chapel United Methodist Church located on State Road 36 east of Danville and west of Avon on the north side of the road. The topic of the meeting will be INDIAN WARS IN INDIANA by Jerry Hankins. Mr. Hankins is a teacher at Plainfield High School and has done a great deal of research on Indiana history.

So how about this great Program Committee! We should give them a rousing round of approval for looking ahead and planning meetings that promise to be interesting, entertaining and informative! This should be another great year for HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

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MUSINGS FROM THE MUSEUM

Mother Nature got right into the act on Saturday, December 5, 1981. That was the first of two weekends the museum held its "Christmas at the Museum" open house. It was the day of the Christmas parade in Danville heralding the start of the Christmas season, by turning on the Christmas lights. Yes, Mother Nature out-did herself! She swept the clouds back to the horizon and made them

stay there. Ole Sol beamed his brightest the whole day. The bright winter garb of the spectators and the colorful spectacle of the parade was a sight to behold! A lot of those brightly clad people came to see the museum afterward.

The museum was beautifully decorated by Rita Lieske and three friends from North Salem, Dianne Neff, Lois Neff, and Helen Clark. Beautifully done, gals, and thanks heaps! Approximately two hundred visited the museum during the two weekends of open house. Marcia Mussman, Danville, brought her spinning wheel and wool and demonstrated the art once so necessary in every household. There was lots of "ooing, and aahing, and well, what do you know about that" over the doll house on the parlor table. The tree was decorated in the manner of long ago. Our visitors are sort of getting over the idea of not having electrical decorations and seem to be interested in how the tree is trimmed this year. It never looks the same twice. The craft shop is usually the last stop to see all the bright little goodies. More often than not, some of them find new homes.

Two very old arm-chairs were brought up from the basement. They both need cane seats. We'd like to hear from some volunteers who would like to do the job. The chairs will look just right in the library where one can read in comfort. If those chairs could talk, what yarns they could spin! Probably lots of yarns were spun by occupants of a by-gone day.

The armed-forces display has its own room in the basement. Doesn't have to compete with the upstairs rooms.

Our bedroom suite in the adult bedroom was loaned to us. The lenders have asked for it. We need another one. Would anyone have a suite, or at least a part of one they'd lend for a while?

We received a copy of "Indiana Authors and Their Books" by Wabash College, compiled by Donald E. Thompson, Librarian emeritus, Wabash College.

And then the snows came and made the world into one big skating rink. Woe to the non-skaters and to some of the others too.

Jewell

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EDWIN CHAMBERS ... Need date of death, place of burial. He was in Hendricks County, Eel River Twp. in 1870 (possibly North Salem). His son GEORGE W. CHAMBERS and family here also coming from Hawkins Co., Tenn. Edwin married Marth _____: children were George W. born 1831; Josias, 1834, William, 1836. Martin, 1842, Malana Harvey, 1827. Was his second wife Mary?, born in Kentucky 1830? Edwin was in Jamestown, Boone Co. in 1887, a witness to the pension claim of Rebecca Chambers of Jamestown, widow of Lewis, Edwin's brother. In 1892 a transfer of his Jamestown property was made August 29 and was recorded October 8, 1892. Mrs. Mildred C. Wymes, 10 Second Ave. East, Albia, Iowa, 52531

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IN LOVING MEMORY

The Editor of the H. C. HISTORY BULLETIN lives a happy life. Many people could not understand what fun it is to read the contributions sent in by members, to organize them, to cut here and to add there. It takes a peculiar breed to spend hours at the typewriter trying to put together a bulletin that will be informative as well as entertaining. I really delight in this assignment, that is until... until ... until something comes across my desk that I know I must print but something that I don't want to print.

Such is the case with the news of the death of Clark Kellum. What can I say about Clark that I haven't already said? Charter members, Clark and Carolyn have been a great moving force in our society since its beginning. Without Clark and Carolyn, our society might have limped along; without Clark and Carolyn, our museum might have had trouble getting off the ground; without Clark and Carolyn, the history books might have been in trouble; without Clark and Carolyn, the sale of those books might have bogged down, and, at a very recent meeting, Clark made a plea for more emphasis on the sale of the books we have left. Clark Kellum has been "Mr. Everything" to the H C H S and it is difficult to say "good'by" to him. But we do have half of that great team left, and with her strong Christian faith, we know that Carolyn will soon be back carrying on the work she knows Clark would want her to do.

Another loss to our society was the death of Iva Debra. A long-time newspaper woman, she was a faithful member of the HCCHS until the ravages of age took her out of circulation. In her prime, she was a regular contributor to the HENDRICKS COUNTY REPUBLICAN. She always had a happy, optimistic outlook on life and no one has ever heard her say one critical word of her fellow men. She is greatly missed, not only by her family, but by her many friends.

"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF
HIS SAINTS."
Psalms 116:15

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Betty Bartley ... you are a dear, sweet livin' doll. Thanks to you for the following three contributions.

THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL GIRLS CLUB

1873--1875

One of the unique organizations in Hendricks county is that of the Amos O. Lawrence School Girls Club.

This organization has for its purpose the continuing of friendships and of associations formed by its members during their school days.

The name "Amos O. Lawrence" was chosen because at the time the organization was formed more "girls" who had been pupils of this teacher could be located than of any other principal of the Danville school.

Amos O. Lawrence was principal of the Danville School during the years of 1873-1874 and 1874-1875. He was an eastern man, was well educated and was a successful teacher.

After leaving school these pupils went into homes of their own and were occupied by the usual life occupations. Many of them lived in or near Danville, while others visited the old locality now and then and there would be casual meetings which brought back memories of other days and longings for old friends.

Finally Mrs. Laura Fronk McCoun was inspired with a desire to have as many as possible of her old schoolmates meet in her home.

She called to her aid the "girls" who were living in Danville and an effort was made to get in touch with all the girl pupils of the years '73-'75.

This meeting was held with Mrs. McCoun September 18, 1903 and was attended by twelve of the "girls". So happy was this meeting that it was decided to form an organization and to meet annually.

There were more than thirty girls in the original number and about as many boys but only the girls organized.

As nearly as I can remember these are the names of the girls in school during these years 1873-1875: Margaret Darnell, Effie Campbell, Sallie McCoun, Maggie Keeney, Laura Fronk, Eliza McCoun, Ida Chambers, May Pierson, Mollie Soper, Lillie Dill, Laura Hadley, Florence Pugh, Dean Hill, Victoria Crab, Emma Cash, Pauline Snoddy, Cora Fiddick, Flora Bunker, Georgia Cox, Emma McCurdy, Kattie Slager, Erie Morgan, Emma Hardin, Lillie Kite, Eva Harper, Emma Gregg, Kate DePew, Rebecca Dempsey, Bell Kite, Julia Lewis, there were perhaps others whose names I cannot now recall.

The last four of these had died sometime before this first meeting and since then eight others have "passed on". Only eleven or twelve now attend the annual meetings, others often send letters that are loved by those who are present.

Each year a dinner is enjoyed by those present. Each one contributing some one or two dishes. The "girls" living in Danville constitute the "menu" committee and this committee assigns each girl her part of the annual twelve o'clock meal.

During the first few years there was also a souvenir committee which was discontinued after each member had served on it and had thus presented a souvenir to each of the other members. These souvenirs were of various kinds--one year the committee presented a photograph of Prof. Lawrence, another year it was a picture of a white pig. This pig commemorated an incident of school days. A souvenir spoon with a picture of the old academy building was also given to each "girl". It was in this building that we had school the first half of the year 1873-1874 while the school building which had burned the year before was being rebuilt. We moved into the new building, which was on the present site of the Mattie Keeney building, after the holidays January 1874.

Often when the meetings were held in Danville the business men who had been our schoolmates would call on us or send presents of various kinds. Other times they would send a messenger boy with notes asking for dates as of old. The hostess, too, often prepared some lovely souvenir as a hand painted plate or plaque.

The annual meetings were held in the homes of the members. Often some one of the members could not wait for the annual meeting and called a meeting on some pretext in her own home. She entertaining those who could come.

One of the most pleasant of these was held with Mrs. Laura Fronk McCoun Jan. 26, 1909. She had arranged her living room as a school room and we were given a lunch of baked beans in pans and a drinking cup was given each one. It was examination day and we were given questions in geography, arithmetic and physiology to answer.

That same year, 1909, we gave a reception to our friends. It was Washington's birthday and we wore colonial costumes, some of them really fine old dresses that our grandmothers had worn. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flags, hatchets, cherry trees and our colors--lavender and white. The Demarcus sisters furnished music while we stood in line and greeted our guests, who passed on to the dining room and were served ice cream and cake and a cherry bouquet.

This reception was held at the home of Mrs. Florence Pugh Barnett. Among the decorations were many old time things such as candlesticks and sniffers and fire irons for the fire place. We received about 200 guests.

At our fourth annual meeting we filled and sealed a bottle of wine which is to be carefully kept and opened by the last survivor on our anniversary day, also when one of our members answers the roll call no more, a ribbon in class colors is tied around the neck of the bottle. We also send flowers when one of our members dies and a card of sympathy to the family also a word of prayer is spoken at our first meeting after the death.

It was also in 1909 that we were invited to attend the High School Alumni Association banquet and were voted in as members of the Alumni Association. We were represented on the program that year by Florence Pugh Barnett. We have always been represented at the Alumni banquets since that time.

We were usually kept away from the dining room at our annual meetings until exactly twelve o'clock, the hostess opened the door and announced that "dinner is served". Each place was marked in some unusual manner and part of our fun was in hunting our places. I remember one time a small doll dressed in our class colors stood at each place, and when we examined these we found the doll faces were our own of long ago. The hostess had in some way secured old pictures of each of us. I believe the largest number ever present at one time was 23 present at the home of Margaret Cook Darnell in 1908. Mrs. Darnell had placed lovely handpainted booklets for each member, with photograph of the old school building.

Another meeting which was a very happy one--as each one was--was held at the country home of Eva Harper in 1921. We visited the barns and inspected the herd of Hereford cattle, visited the dahlia beds, and when called to the dining room found our place cards to be pictures of the herd bull LeRoy 15602-713747.

One other meeting held in a country home we remember with pleasure was with Mollie Soper. It was in "horse and buggy" days, we had shiney buggies and horses, highsteppers, that went west on the Rockville road, at something like 5 miles an hour. It was watermelon time, we each found a nice one in our buggies when we arrived home. There were 20 girls at this meeting. I wish that I had time and space to describe each meeting. They have all been so enjoyable and each has had its unique features, no two have been alike.

A list of the names of our members was placed in the corner stone of the court house at the corner stone laying May 29th, 1913.

Such is a brief sketch of the story of the Amos O. Lawrence School Girl's Club. It sounds rather selfish, but really, no more unselfish "girls" exist than these. We not only enter into each other's joys and sorrows, but individually contribute to many worthy causes and each girl is faithful to her church and its interests.

Miss Eva Harper
Lizton, Indiana
1928

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Keeping a diary was at one time the rule rather than the exception. Farmers usually kept a diary to have a record of expenses for livestock and feed, and for other items of interest in the community. This was the case with Horace G. Masten of Amo. A copy of his diary covering the period from 1912 to 1926 may be found in the Indiana Room of the Danville Public Library. The following entries were made in February of 1920:

- Feb 5 Mary & I went to Indpls to attend state council of S.S. workers. Wendell Phillip Hurst born to Mr. & Mrs. Otha Hurst Feb. 3.
- Feb 6 Stayed last night at Linden Hotel \$1.25 each. Went to English Opera House last night to see Howard Thurston. Tickets \$1.10 each.
- Feb 7 Edith Neese came home from Indpls sick.
- Feb 11 Voss Bray, Orville Patten & myself butchered 2 hogs for Pa. Patten's dog bit me in the face, broke my glasses.
- Feb 12 Voss Bray, Marion Grimes & I built fence N of woods
- Feb 13 Voss Bray, Marion Grimes & I built fence south from gate south along road.
- Feb 11 Roy Leak died last night at 10:40 double pneumonia.
- Feb 12 Roy Leak buried at Lizton. Funeral at Christian Church Lizton.
- Feb 16 I went to Indpls. got glasses fixed. New frames all but temple pieces \$2.50.
- Feb 19 Black Jersey cow bred to Pa's male.
- Feb 26 I went to Indpls taken treatment of (Dr. Walter S.) Grow.*
- Feb 29 Vera Alcorn Barnes died on way to Hospital.

* Earlier in the diary, Masten had recorded Walter S. Grow's method of treating flu: "Soak feet in strong hot mustard water almost to knees for 1 hr or more. Put to bed and give hot lemonade glass every hr. sweat for 3 or 4 hrs -- let patient have nothing to eat but juices, give plenty of water."

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On September 10, 1850, Nathan Meredith took his pen in hand and proceeded to draw a portrait of the town of Danville. Not by sketching the buildings or the scenery, but by going from house to house and asking questions. Nathan Meredith had been hired by the Federal Government to take the census.

The results of his survey give us the following picture of Danville: There were 33 families occupying the 32 dwellings that made up the town. Of the 177 people living there, 89 were male and 88 female. The majority of the citizens had been born in Indiana (102). Those born in Kentucky made up the second largest group (32). Other states represented were Ohio (15), New York (8), North Carolina (8), Virginia (5), Pennsylvania (2), and one each from Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, and Tennessee. Only one person had been born in another country: Ireland. The oldest person in town was 74; the youngest 3 months.

The citizens of Danville were engaged in a variety of occupations. There were 2 inn keepers, 1 mechanic, 2 printers, 3 chairmakers, 2 wheat fan makers, 4 carpenters, 1 merchant clerk, 1 physician, 1 post master, 2 tailors, 1 sheriff, 1 day laborer, 1 M.E. clergyman, 2 farmers, 2 wagon & carriage makers, 1 auditor, 2 cabinetmakers, 1 saddler, 1 common laborer, and 2 attorneys at law. (The latter occupation has seen a considerable increase in the past 130 years)

The residents seemed to be well educated: 44 had attended school within the past year. Only 5 people over the age of 20 were unable to read and write.

All this information, as well as the names of the members of each household can be found on the microfilm copy of the 1850 census, available for viewing in the Indiana Room of the Danville Public Library. Copies of the Hendricks County census for 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 are also available. We recently received copies of the 1850 and 1880 census of Putnam County from Floy Underwood Modesitt, in memory of Mamie Phillips Campbell. The Historical Librarian, Betty Bartley, invites anyone interested in history or genealogy to come and see "the way it was" in Hendricks County on the new microfilm reader, presented to the Indiana Room by the Friends of the Library.

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Ruth Pritchard, that walking, talking (and can she talk!) encyclopedia of Hendricks County History as well as genealogy, has come into possession of the DIARY OF CALVIN FLETCHER through her membership in the INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. For our bulletin she has laborously selected items of interest to Hendricks County and the people who lived here. Her selections are so fascinating that I have asked her to continue her articles as a series of the Calvin Fletcher Diaries.

CALVIN FLETCHER AND HENDRICKS COUNTY
(Mostly From the Diary of Calvin Fletcher 1817-1866)

January 11, 1982

Yesterday's record low temperature (-18 at Belleville at 6 A.M.) and continued cold seems to add reading time to readjusted schedules. Some excellent material is available in THE DIARY OF CALVIN FLETCHER 1817-1866

Excerpts from the Diary are used by permission of The Indiana Historical Society.

From page XII of the Introduction -----

"There seems to be a continuing desire on the part of mankind to learn more about his ancestors, to see them as they really were, to be able to visualize how they lived day by day, how they met the manifold problems that confronted them, to know what constituted their daily business and their pleasures. We want to feel the reality of the past. THE DIARY OF CALVIN FLETCHER affords us this opportunity."

Calvin Fletcher was one of five commissioners appointed by governor Hendricks to locate the seat of government of the new county of Hendricks. This was done on the second Monday of July 1824.

The Act organizing the county, December 20, 1823, provided that the circuit court of the county should be held at the house of William Ballard (which stood near present Belleville) until a suitable court house should be built.

Here the first court was held on the 25th day of October 1824, with Hon. W. W. Wick as Judge and Nathan Kirk and James Downard as associates on the bench. Levi Jessup was clerk and Thomas J. Matlock, sheriff. Calvin Fletcher was admitted to practice at the bar of this court, at that time.

Almost sixteen years later Calvin Fletcher wrote - "February 6, 1840..... I have rode the circuit 13 years this spring. I have been at the organization of evry court in each county in circuit except Bartholomew. I saw them commence with one or 2 cases now they have nearly an average 150 cases each. I attended courts in each county without court houses & in several the session was held under the shade of the forrest trees. To several of the counties I went to court on foot at the first settlement. Laid out many nights regularly encamped while attending Ft. Wayne & some of the Wabash counties when they belonged to this circuit & once laid out with Judge Wick Messrs. Brown & Quarles in going to Hendricks court but we lost our way or we should have had other lodgings. I acted as states attorney from Aug. 1825 to Aug. 1826 when I was elected to the State Senate for the counties of Carroll Cass part of Clinton Boon Hamilton Grant Hancock Marion & Hendricks or the territory that is embraced in these counties (Page 146 Volume II)

Tuesday February 3 1829 Judge Morris Wick Quarles and Brown started for Hendricks circuit court. Ground covered with snow. It grew colder after we left home. We called about 8 miles from here and warmed. Arrived at Danville about sundown where we found Mr. Gregg.

Wednesday February 4th Very cold. This is my birthday (31st)----Poor court house. Many rough people attended court from the north part of Hendricks County.....
(Page 162 Volume I)

Saturday April 8 1837 At 2 o'clock Mr. Quarles and myself leave for Danville. It snows and the road (National) never was worse. We reached Plainfield 16 miles west about sundown and stayed at (--?--). His little child was sick with the Quinsey or cramp (croup?) and I advised to send for a doctor which they did but the child a fine little boy of about 2 years old died since. Plainfield now has 2 stores - 2 taverns etc. and about 30 houses.
(Page 420 Volume I)

Sunday April 9 Went to Belleville after breakfast in company with Dr. Moore stopped at General Johnsons. Cold disagreeable day After dinner went to Danville put up at Mr. Blakes

From April 11 - 15 pleasant

Saturday April 15 A beautiful day At 10 we left Danville after a very busy court. We dined at Plainfield arrived home at dark. (Page 421 Volume I)

Monday June 19, 1837 I rose early say at 3. Waked Elijah and Cooley. We each of us had horses ready to ride to Green Castle to see the corner stone of the college laid at which Mr. Bascum was to deliver an address. We soon got ready for the journey. It was a damp wet morning tho' it did not rain. We proceeded along to Bridgeport when Mr. Bascum in Mr. Youngs carriage overtook us & then we rode in company with John Hill & others to Bellville where we took breakfast. From there we proceeded in company with Re. Mr. Daily Kelso Quarles & others to Greencastle where we arrived at 4 o'clock -- a rapid journey for my boys who seemed to be but little tired (Coolie was 14 & Elijah 13 years old) We put up with a Mr. Cooper a methodist a saddler. It rained soon after we arrived. Here we found Mr. Ingram from Lafayette & many gentleman from various parts Town was crowded. I was much pleased with the town & country. Lands far exceede ours in natural beauty if not in fertility.

Tuesday morning June 20 1837 I rose early. At 8 I was informed that I was to make a short address at the laying of the corner stone previous to Mr. Bascums address ----- I was to be commended for my brevity if not for my matter ----- (Mr. Bascums address 2 1/2 hours) ----- Mr. Ingram Elijah & Cooley left at 4 P.M. & rode to Stilesville -----

June 21 1837 This day rose early Pleasant. At 8 Mr. Quarles & myself left together. Arrived at Stilesville -- stopped at Jessups. Went to Bellville -- there overtook Messrs. Rooter Ames etc. Dined then returned home with Messrs. Harrison Quarles Kelso a young preacher on Brookville circuit. Arrived home sun 1 hour high. (Pages 439 and 440 Volume I)

Saturday August 5, 1837 I this day wrote several letters. Received a demand for collection from Louisville on Fat Bill Matlock of \$500 (William T. Matlock Hendricks Co.) (Page 450 Volume I)

Sept. 22 1839 Sunday cool. In P.M. rode with Mr. Quarles to Hendricks - put up at Mrs. Comingos

Sept. 28 1839 Returned home Saturday morn or rather left at noon. Wm Matlock called big Bill rode a piece with me to talk about the times prospects of markets etc (Page 122 Volume II)

Feby. 11, 1840 ----- Big Bill Matlock as he is called came to pay an instalment in bank of \$1500 & had \$900 in specie (Page 148 Volume II)

Octr. 17 1840 ----- Bill Matlock sent 75 very fine mules to N.O. by land under the care of young John Wood. They staid at Brownings. Matlock (Wm. J. or L?) is a very enterprising man has 1800 hogs bought in Hendricks now feeding them on the Wabash so he can slaughter them on the river Wabash & send them to N.O. (Page 244 Volume II)

Apl. 6 1841 Bill Matlock returned from Cincinnati. Sold 1/2 of his pork (Page 349 Volume II)

Sunday Octr. 3, 1841 Started in the morn for Hendricks Court -----stopped at Mrs. Comingos -----

Wednesday Oct. 6 1841 On last night I rode out with Robert McCowan 4 miles to see a yoke of oxen which I talked of buying. They asked \$60. I have left word at Hendricks to buy them.

Oct. 7 1841 -----left Danville at 5 o'clock came thro Plainfield to David G. Werth. I have promised to give him a horse if he goes to preaching & have bought the oxen so I can spare the horse -----

Sunday 10 1841 -----In the eve old David Matlock called with a yoke of oxen which I bought of McCowan for \$60 4 years old very large.
(Pages 357 and 358 Volume II)

Calvin Fletcher names other Hendricks County citizens tells of Methodist camp meeting and preachers and pictures the past in vivid fashion.

Ruth M. Pritchard
Belleville, Indiana

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The past is to remember and to relive, to share with those who came later.

Recently THE INDIANAPOLIS NEWS started a REMEMBER WHEN feature, and it was deluged with memories from its readers. Here are some of them, and I wonder if some of our readers might have some to share with us. If so, send them in.

REMEMBER WHEN

- You could make homemade ice cream with snow?
- The cost of an office visit to the doctor was \$1 and the drug prescription was usually 75¢?
- Some barberships had facilities for taking a bath for a charge of 25¢?
- And haircuts were 50¢ and a shave was 5¢?
- Mondays were washdays and doing the laundry was an all-day back-breaking job?
- Cookies and crackers were in bulk and were bought and brought home in a brown paper bag?
- People clipped colorful candles in small clip holders on Christmas trees?
- You could buy dill pickles from a large barrel at 5¢ each?
- Some one played the piano during silent movies?
- You used to get a bag of candy from the grocer when you paid your bill each week?
- People rode the interurban train from the small towns to Indianapolis?
- Ice trucks delivered ice to your house and you put a card in the window?

- It cost 2¢ to mail a letter?
- There were one-cent postal cards?
- People wore long underwear all winter until spring?
- People cooked and baked on coal-burning stoves?
- You heated the house with a pot-bellied stove?
- You used wood ashes to scour your cooking utensils?
- You could buy five gallons of gasoline for \$1?
- You could buy one gallon of gasoline for \$1?
- People made lye soap in a thirty-gallon kettle?
- You filled your straw bed every fall after wheat was thrashed?
- A brick was heated to warm the bed?
- Bricks were also heated to keep your feet warm during winter buggy rides?
- The neighborhood grocer provided free delivery service?
- Ladies stockings had seams up the back?
- The grocer put a potato on the oil can spout?
- People sliced their bread? and made it themselves?
- People scraped the ashes out of their stoves daily?

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