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H C H S

Imparting knowledge is only lighting other men's candles without depriving ourselves of any flame.

Jane Porter

Greetings from the desk of your president (which is his dining room table).

Columbia, the spaceship was sent into space again and was followed by wind, snow and rain. The bad weather gave me time to look over and read some of the magazines which I receive.

In the monthly publication of the Smithsonian magazine, there was an article on the entertainment that was enjoyed during the turn of the century. It was about the nickelodeon which was a type of a theater with a five cent charge, and not a record player for five cents as we knew it. It was under the heading, "Romance and Joy, Tears and Heartaches, and All for a Nickel.

The women's cheeks were flushed with pink, the men were dapper and sleekly handsome; right was right and wrong was wrong, and love was hearts and flowers. Those were the days-- the days of the nickelodeon.

These turn of-the-century glass song slides evoke memories of pleasant afternoons at the nickelodeon, when every one sang along. Over the course of 20 years, hundreds of thousands the glass slides were made in the United States. Unfortunately most of them were destroyed, and these relics of the nickelodeon and vaudeville, today are among the scarcest of memorabilia of the theater. It was revealed that at least 20 stars of silent films had, prior to their film careers, posed for song slides. Their initial slide screen appearances were in color and was probably more glamorous than in monochrome "flicks". Live model song slides first appeared at the turn of the century in cabarets and variety theaters. There, professional vocalists billed as "song illustrators" introduced new ballads with projected slides, obviously to stimulate the sales of sheet music. By 1906, a new form of entertainment spread throughout the land, it was the nickelodeon - the so called five-cent movie houses that were the ancestors of todays motion picture theaters. Whether an illustrated song performance was given as an opener or a between-reels pad in some tawdry, ill-ventilated storefront nickelodeon (vaudeville joke: You pay a nickel but you get a scent back) or in a vaudeville theater, the routine was pretty much the same. An illustrated song performance usually required three staffers: A vocalist, often a hometown semipro; an accompanist, the house pianist; and a projectionist with a series of hand painted (colored) glass slides. Standing beside the screen, the vocalist would sing the verses of a popular song but only a single chorus, while the screen was filled with a succession of appropriate scenes on slides. Then came the sing-a-long.

Words of the chorus flashed on the screen, headed by the request: ALL JOIN IN THE CHORUS. The singer (turned choral director) invited the audience to join in singing the chorus and an encore, and finally pleaded, "just one more time". On and on until, homeward bound, the participants would sing, hum or whistle the tune, determined to buy the music on the morrow. That is how the sponsors (the music publishers) had it planned. This mass brainwashing was one of the hottest plugs in the music business.

The Nickelodeon's receptiveness to local talent was a boom for local aspiring young singers and provided an excellent showcase for their talents.

Among the show-business luminaries whose careers began as semipro song slide illustrators were: Lillain Walker, Anita Stewart, Alice Joyce, Norma Talmadge, George Jessel, Al Jolson.

Some time ago I saw a bumper sticker (on a pick-up truck) which I thought was a master piece. It read, "All in favor of saving gasoline, Please raise your right foot". I have a bumper but have no bumper sticker. If I had a bumper sticker, I would want it to read: "All in favor of the meeting of the HCHS meeting on May 2 at 2 P.M., Please steer your cars in the direction of the Brownsburg Library".

You All Come

Maynard

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Fifty-four members and guests gathered, February 7, at the Security Savings building located at Old Farms in Danville for our February meeting. Danville Cub Scout Pack #310 gave opening ceremonies and Michael Thornburg, pastor of the Danville Friends Meeting gave the devotions. During the business meeting, our president, Maynard Nolan, suggested we emphasize youth in our group. Dorothy and Kathi Kelley, Eloise Castetter and Debbie Higgins were appointed as a committee to interest the young folk. The treasurer reported a balance of \$86.92. Dorothy Kelley said the Christmas Open House at the museum was well attended and the museum is in need of a bed room suite as the one we had was on loan and the owner wanted it back. A committee comprised of Maxine Osborn, Margaret Baker, Maxine Cox and Audrey Martin was appointed to compile a history of the Danville Public Square.

The program, in charge of Robert Castetter, was presented by Ed and Cassie Sworn and the Rev. Henderson Davis from the AME Methodist Church in Plainfield who told of their families coming to the county in 1886. Cassie Sworn was a member of Plainfield High School's first graduating class. The Rev. Davis is working on a history of the Plainfield AME Church. The meeting closed with the group singing CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER. The program was most interesting and instructive and much in keeping with the February National Negro History Month.

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May Meeting

We are all looking forward to the May 2nd meeting of our Society which will be held at the Brownsburg Public Library. We are urged to park on the south part of the parking lot and we are told there are no steps to bother with and they even have a ramp to accommodate wheel chairs. We will gather in the Clear Space and librarians, Billy Jo Kaufman and Wanda Pearson, will greet us and give us a tour of the new facilities and explain the intricacies a most modern library. Special guests will be Judy Bobb and her Little Hoosiers of the Avon Grade School. Ladies of Brown and Lincoln Townships will be in charge of the social hour. I have discussed the weather with Mr. Springmaker and he assures me that May 2nd will be a lovely day! (I think!) The library is located at 450 S. Jefferson. From Road 267 turn east on Tilden St. at the Methodist Church, approximately three blocks south of the stop and go light, and, well, the library is sort of in the back yard of the Methodist church. Do come. Our president, Maynard Nolan, has worked up a lot of enthusiasm and our program committee has planned four absorbing meetings.

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The committee working on the history of the businesses on the Square in Danville requests that anyone having photographs of the buildings and businesses "on the Square" contact Betty Bartley at the Danville Public Library to arrange to make copies of them.

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The following is a continuation of the notes from Calvin Fletcher's Diary as compiled by Ruth Pritchard:

CALVIN FLETCHER -- BANKER -- FARMER --
LAWYER AND CHURCHWORKER

Calvin Fletcher's business travels took him to many places and over roads hard to imagine with all of today's conveniences. Hendricks County readers see familiar names of people and villages on the pages of his diary. The following excerpts are from Volume III.

Page 22 Monday February 19 (1844)

I left home at 8 went in stage with Judge Morrison N. B. Palmer Billy Young & a Mr. Walner deputy Marshall of Cincinnati Ohio & 2 men from Ill. The mud was deep having just thawed thro'. We arrived at Franklin about 4 at Edinburgh at 9. Mrs. Dunn the landlady had just died. We agreed to go on & we arrived at Columbus only 10 or 11 miles at 5 next morn. There went to bed. At 8 was up.

Feb. 20 We breakfasted & then was carried about 2½ miles to the railroad S.E. of Columbus where we waited in the woods. To be sure a sort of temporary depo of log huts tavern & c was erected. Here were a goodly number of waggons loading & unloading and the woods around about looked like a camp meeting. We waited some time and the carrs arrived. They were soon unladen & laden & we at 12 left for Madison. As we were hindered much on the way we did not arrive there until 5 P.M.....

Page 78 Sunday Oct. 13 (1844)

I went to church. Mr. Balis absent at conference. Mr. Millikin of Rochester preached. Mr. Reynolds came over staid all night to go with me to the Danville Court

Monday Oct. 14

Left early & rode to Danville by 9 A.M. Cloudy day - a little rain. Oct. 15 I left Danville at 11 A.M. & rode home by 3 P.M. Learn Ohio have a whig legislature & governor & Pennsylvania have elected a Democrat Jersey Whig.

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Dec 17 (1844) I arrived at Madison at 6 put up at Fitzhues & there met Messrs. Samuel Moore of Mooresville John Matlock & Waters from Danville Dr. Huzy (?) of Pittsburg.all engaged in putting up pork or the shipping of the same.

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Feb. 6 (1845) Pleasant day. B. Cole, Joe Stevens, Walker of Ewing & Walker & Co. here - want & get \$4000. Matlock returned from a sale of his mules [-----] at Circleville Ohio at 65 a piece. wants 6000 \$ to go to Missouri to buy cattle & mules. Several apply to get money to buy cattle.

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March 19, (1846) Received word from Mr. Ungles that his commission merchants Miller & Brown & Hankins had sacrificed his pork & Beef in N. Orleans just on the rise of the market

(The letter of W. (Wilford) J. Ungles of Belleville Hendricks County, dated March 18 is in the correspondence of the Indianapolis branch of the State Bank.)

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Feb. 27 (1846) I have an old acquaintance by the name of Thomas Irons who sold his pork last fall a 2.75 when others were looking for \$3 wet (CWT.) But it soon fell far below his asking price. On an inquiry a few days past I asked him his reasons for his sale at that time. He replied that he never bought to keep when the market was influenced by excitement & that it always had been a mighty puzzle to him that when an article was very low like pork very few & they the most indifferent would buy altho there were 10 chances of 12 in not losing whereas when the same article was very high & any little chance of making & 10 chances in 12 to loose men of capital & young adventurers would go on to it. These are the remarks of an old plain man.
(Evidently Thomas Irons of Belleville)

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April 29 (1846)

In the eve left for Danville where I staid over night. It looks like a deserted village nothing doing. Cool.

May 1st

.....I left (Crawfordsville) in the rain at 11 rode in the storm to Brownsburgh where I arrived at 6. Very slippery as I rode over the pole bridges & my horse fell down. It was a wonder I was not killed or injured But God preserved me. The country the wet slashes between C. & I. (Crawfordsville and Indianapolis) are greatly improving. Good farms will soon be made. This is the anniversary of our wedding day 25 years ago today 1/4 of a century. Staid at Morton Greens Tavern.

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April 7, 1846 It rains. I must soon leave for Hendricks. I started at 9 & rode in a very heavy storm to Danvill where I arrived at 2½ P.M. Before I reached D. (Danville) the streams became very high so that I had to go over a ford at Rammels mills. I stopped at Mrs. Comengoes (Comingore)..... I remained till 8 at 1 P.M. I left for home. Dr. Barthelmew (Bradley Bartholomew, M.D. who established his practice at Belleville in 1832) rode out with me.....

MUSEUM MUSINGS

What a winter! The building that houses the museum was build back in 1866 and it has seen many winters come and go. If the bricks could talk we'd bet that they couldn't remember many, if any, that were any worse than the past--past?--one. This one just won't let go, at least judging from the slap endured in recent days. "Hold still, just one more round, you're used to it!" it seems to say. "Get out! You've done too much already!" we'd all say. We haven't heard any pining for a good old-fashioned winter with lots of snow and cracklin' cold. Wonder why! Good old days? Back to wood stoves? Fireplaces? All that is being used in full force. There's that bit of physical exercise that goes with it. Cleaning out the ashes. Although ashes do make a nice non-slip footing on ice, how about the mess in the house? How many grand-children are going to hear the story: "Now when I was a kid back in the winter of 1982 the temperature got down to 21 below zero, Fahrenheit. (They will probably be using Celsius entirely then and won't know what the former was) The wind was so strong we didn't dare stick our nose outside. And the snow drifts? Why they were so big they hid cars. They were so big that a big man looked small standing on top of one!" And so it goes. There will be as many stories as there are people to tell them.

One of the old arm-chairs we mentioned earlier was repaired. Will Templin and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Templin furnished the cane, William Bell did the repair work, and Mary Bell did the caning. All are from Danville. Thanks to all who had a hand in the project for a wonderful job! The chair is in the library where browsing through the books is so much easier if there's a comfortable place to sit. The other chair that needs repairing is in the basement of the museum. These chairs originally came from the court house.

There's a piece of wood, looks like walnut, lying on the desk in the basement of the museum, that was once part of the corduroy road in Brownsburg, now U.S. 136. This piece of wood was taken up when work was being done on a water main.

Clothing classes interested in the construction of our antique dresses have visited the museum. The construction of the dresses is interesting because lots of work went into a dress then. Lots was expected of a dress and it must look just so as long as it lasted.

Memorabilia from the early days of Hendricks County Rural Electric Membership (R.E.M.C.) was received. There was information dating from the start in 1936-1937, to a picture taken in 1963 when the first Hendricks County R.E.M.C. owned sub-station was energized.

A copy of the book "Christian Bodenhamer of Rowan County North Carolina, and His Descendants" was presented to the museum by its author, Dr. N. James Bodenhamer of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Articles from the court house, one of which is a gourd-dipper, an article used a lot in another day, and is from the former museum, was received recently. Another yet to come is a book-case.

A lot of you know about this but more of you don't. It's been a while, but the drapes we started with in the parlor of the museum have been replaced with

cream color lace curtains. They really add to the Victorian decor of the room. Lots of you know what a difference they have made.

There is an article in the craft shop that is a sure-fire attention getter. It is a planter in the shape of an elephant, complete with a rope tail! Then there are a couple of draft dodgers. Now don't get carried away! Nobody's being unpatriotic at all. These characters go down in front of doors to keep out unwelcome breezes. This past winter weren't there plenty of those? There are pretty sofa pillows too. One is in crewel embroidery, and another one that comes to mind is in latch-work. There is a painting on the west wall of an old-time blacksmith shop. Now if that doesn't stir up some memories..... There are some nice knitted caps, just right for cold weather. They are done in bright, fresh colors that would chase out the blues and add to the bright sunshine against the snow.

Then there are some miniatures of knitted caps, nice lapel ornaments. There are a couple of fisherman ornaments that always make one wonder why they don't fall over into the water. They are made up in such a way that for all their leaning over and back, they never lose their balance.

There's always something just a little different going on here at the museum.

Oh, yes! The tulips are up in spite of the snow and will soon be blooming. That will help us forget the snow and ice.

Jewell

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Information is wanted about the descendants of any of the following clan. Their parents are unknown, but the 1830 census indicates that the family lived with or

near their grandfather, Christian Staley in Hendricks County. The children and their marriages are:

1. Nancy Staley - Jacob Harper, Jan..24, 1830;
2. Sarah Staley - Uriah Rushton, Oct. 27, 1831;
3. Jacob Staley - Melvin Bolen, Feb. 2, 1834;
4. Susannah Staley - George Davis, Feb. 12, 1829;
5. David Staley - Agnes Cleghorn, March 22, 1839;
6. George Staley - Polly Bray, Nov. 26, 1840;
7. Male born 1819; 8. Female born 1821;
9. William Staley - Mary Winstead, Nov. 10, 1848;
10. Frederick Staley - Harriet Sprouse, Oct. 8, 1846;
11. Male born 1836;
12. Rebecca Staley - Daniel Winstead, Dec. 17, 1848. Grace Cox would appreciate any information.

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IN MEMORIUM

We lost one of our most loved and fascinating members when Joe Davidson died February 10, 1982 at Greencastle. He was a singer of songs and a teller of tales and he could hold an audience, old or young, spellbound. I brought him to Danville one year to speak to a high school class and they were completely enthralled. For many years he was a regular contributor to the BULLETIN. He can never be replaced and we extend our love and deep sympathy to his wife, Mabel, and his daughter.

A former member, Beula Bell Muston passed away February 14, 1982. A nurse, she had served in Riley Hospital, Indianapolis and the Hendricks County Hospital. Her contributions in civic, school and church activities were many, and she left this world a much better place. Her family can be proud of her accomplishments and we sympathize with their loss.

"Esteem them highly in love because of their work"

I Thessalonians 5:13

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This Stilesville item appeared in the HENDRICKS COUNTY REPUBLICAN, September 17, 1885:

Our excellent assessor, A. R. Williams, has kindly furnished us with the following list of old citizens, over sixty years, which he promised them to have published in the Republican: Samuel Elmore, born April 4, 1804, 81; Eleazor Harlan, born June 5, 1809, 75; David Masten, Jan. 2, 1825, 60; John W. Brown, Oct. 15, 1817, 67; R. P. Walls, Dec. 3, 1824, 60; Russel Hodge, Nov. 28 1812, 72; John Scherer, July 27, 1799, 85; James Shipley, Feb. 15, 1815, 69; Reuben Stringer, Dec. 9, 1807, 75; Jos. Simmons, Nov. 18, 1824, 60; Jas. Snoddy, Jan 4, 1799, 86; Wm. Tincer, Mar. 1, 1825, 90; Anthony Cosner, April 7, 1799, 86 - has not failed to cut oats with a scythe and cradle every year for 76 years, and can now lay his foot on the back of the tallest horse in the county; John Cosner, May 9, 1822, 62; Samuel Cosner, Mar. 1, 1825, 60; Mahlon Cosner, July 13, 1826, 61; Lewis Cooper, Feb. 25, 1809, 74; David Clemments, Aug 14, 1815, 69; Wm. T. Clark, April 5, 1920, 55; Wm. Baldock, June 18, 1920, 64; Silas J. Bryant, Mar. 18, 1819, 64 - has never failed to help plant corn every year for sixty years, never fired a gun or milked a cow, and was the first white child born in Hendricks County; Wm. Bryan, Jan. 25, 1822, 63; Jehu Hadley, Oct. 10, 1810, 75; Winfield Hines, 66; David Reitzel, Nov. 17, 1806, 78; Jno. A. Grimes, 66, B. M. Gentry, Jan. 16, 1821, 64; John W. Gentry, 61; Jonathan L. Newman, Feb. 7, 1826, 65;

C. V. Newman, July 30, 1823, 62; Daniel Osborn, June 25, 1811, 73; David Allee, May 5, 1821, 64; W. W. Johnson, 61; A. W. Johnson, July 21, 1819, 66; L. N. Woods, Mar. 4, 1810, 74; Lewis Whicker, 60; Geo. Kreigh, Jan 4, 1813, 72; Jesse Mason, May 15, 1812, 72; Morgan Mahorney, Jan. 11, 1824, 61; Richard Arnold, Aug. 12, 1805, 79; Reuben Masten, Oct. 4, 1806, 78; Dan'l McAninch, April 17, 1819, 66; Elisha McAninch, Oct. 12, 1815, 69; Manuel Masten, Nov. 23, 1820, 64; A. L. Masters, 65; R. M. Siler, Jan. 25, 1810, 75; A. S. McCormack, Feb. 26, 1822, 63.

Bourgeois

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I can always count on Frances Fisher when I need her and she has contributed this delightful tale:

A STORY FROM THE PAST

The main character in this sketch, Mary Job Hale, was one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Pittsboro during the late 80's and early 1900's.

Born into a pioneer family and being associated with her elders, she had an almost inexhaustible fund of lore of early days and knowledge of historical interest concerning Indiana.

Mrs. Hale's father, Luther Job, bought the first coal oil lamp in the community and at the same time purchased a coal oil can which was considered so valuable that it stood on the mantel alongside the lamp. The lamp was used only when company came.

The Job family owned the first cooking stove in the country, and neighbors from miles around came to see such a contraption.

"Moly," as she was familiarly called, remembers the introduction of many things that later became commonplace. One of her favorite stories was the tale of an old lady's experience with coffee. The old lady had heard of coffee but had neither seen nor tasted it until her husband brought home a dollar's worth of green coffee--no small amount then. To the woman, the coffee looked like beans, so she put them in an iron pot with a ham bone. All day it bubbled vigorously, and she complained to her husband that she had "biled" it but it was as tough as when she began!

She was married to Jacob Hale whose family was well known in the community, and Jake and Molly were a wonderful team whose memories produced a treasure trove of early history. Jake went to school in Pittsboro during the Civil War. A picture of the boys and girls attending that old school was hung on the wall of the old interurban station in Pittsboro during the many years he served as station master.

For years Molly ran a dress making establishment in Pittsboro. With her excellent judgment and impeccable taste, she became famous throughout the countryside. She had a shop close by her house, and many women stopped by to consult her about the latest styles and newest fabrics. It was always a pleasant pastime to stop at Molly Hale's shop to try on the stylish hats displayed in her window. Her occasional trips to Indianapolis by way of the daily train brought exotic fashions to our little town--the latest in trimmings, fabric, and colors. One graduation day, especially, many young girls appeared in beautiful

creations of favored white over blue or pink.

When "Molly" was well into her 75th year, she had the unique experience of watching her grandson, Luther Job Dillon, a young air pilot, soar over Pittsboro, circling and dipping for the benefit of home town folk. It was a real thrill to her and inspired her to recall a trip of her youth when transportation was quite different from today. This following account is based on an interview she had with Mrs. Eva S. Waters, familiarly known as "Tiny Mite". The article appeared in the Indianapolis Star in 1929.

"Long before there was a railroad in this part of the country, Molly, with her mother, grandmother, and other relatives, took a journey to Carlisle, Indiana, which required more than two days.

The seven of them started from home in Pittsboro in a "jolt" wagon and reached Danville in the late afternoon where they stopped over night in a tavern. Next morning they took a stage coach to Cartersburg where they waited for the train to Terre Haute.

Some of the party had never seen a train, and they boarded it with fear and trembling, afraid that they might be knocked off at any minute, as they had been told. She remembered clearly their getting on the train, clutching firmly to something and bracing their feet on the floor, expecting the worst. She was impressed with the tall smoke stack and the stack that was topped with something resembling a washing tub from which the smoke poured.

The recital continued. "We saw that the windows were securely fastened to insure against falling out, but finally "Grandma Junken" who thought she hadn't much longer to live anyway, said she would as lief die one way as another and she was going to smother to death if they didn't raise a window. So they took a chance and raised one window. The men, being more courageous, read papers despite the possibility of their being killed any minute."

They finally reached Terre Haute and had to take a stock train to complete the journey to Carlisle. Mrs. Job, Molly's mother, had a sick headache and the jostling around in the stock car added little to her comfort. When they finally reached Carlisle, the train stopped at a steep embankment where the crowd started throwing off their luggage and jumping off.

Molly insisted that she felt well repaid for all the discomfort of the journey, for she made her acquaintance with the delights of chewing gum which she confessed was probably paraffin. At the home of the uncle whom they visited she noticed one of the girls when called to supper, deposited what she was chewing, under the rose bush. Without hesitation, Molly retrieved the gum, sampled it with pleasure, then passed it around for others to enjoy.

One interesting description she gave was of the hats the travellers wore called "sundowns", with wide floppy brims held on with wide ribbons reaching over the crown and brim and tied under the chin.

A survivor of Mrs. Molly Hale's immediate family is a granddaughter, Julia Dillon Miller, a resident of the Pittsboro community for many years, now living in South Bend. The grandson, Luther Dillon, with whom she enjoyed a plane ride over Pittsboro and the old Job farm, has been deceased for many years, but there

are still a few residents who remember all the lovable and picturesque qualities of this highly esteemed pioneer.

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Betty Bartley, who reigns in the Indiana Room of the Danville Public Library, has been a great help to your editor with her interesting contributions. Libraries are veritable treasure troves of tidbits of Hendricks County lore and we extend an invitation to all Hendricks County Libraries to send in articles appropriate for THE BULLETIN. It will give your library free publicity, and, in the bargain, it will help your editor tremendously. Thanks!

The following three articles were handed to me by Betty:

CENTRAL NORMAL COLLEGE REUNION

The Indiana Room of the Danville Public Library will be observing the annual Central Normal College reunion with an exhibit of photographs taken by Prof. C. A. Hargrave. These photographs were taken in the late 1890's and early 1900's, and include views of the campus, the CNC book store, and Commencement exercises in the Chapel. One very interesting photo shows the entire student body of 1899 having their picture taken by Wilkinson, the local photographer. Other items on display will include yearbooks, postcards, diplomas, and a variety of CNC memorabilia. The exhibit will last through the months of June and July. Be sure to stop in and take a look!

HARGRAVE ANECDOTES

Among the items purchased by the Danville Library at the Kate Hargrave Smith estate auction was a small, leather-bound notebook that had belonged to Kate's father, Prof. C. A. Hargrave. In it he had written various anecdotes for use in his lectures at Central Normal. An index in the front of the book helped to locate the appropriate anecdote for a variety of subjects. Here are a few of Prof. Hargrave's favorite stories:

Industriousness: A man tried to cross his bees with lightning bugs, so that they would work after night.

Bad education: A boy wrote as follows: The body consists of three parts - the head, the chest, and the abdomen. The head contains the brains when there is any. The chest contains the stomach, heart, and lungs. The abdomen contains the vowels, which is a, e, i, o, and u.

Economy: A man when asked to buy a new stove because it would save half the fuel, said he would buy two and save it all.

Astronomical illustrations: A little boy asked his mother if he could go out in the street to see the comet. She said, "Yes, but do not go near it."

The following article was taken from the first issue of Central Normal News, published at Danville in March, 1881. The ideals it outlines could well be used in the schools of today.

THE "NORMAL IDEA"

".....True normalities are emphatically and peculiarly distinguished by a practical application of the following principles: They believe that man's natural condition and happiness are to be found in work; that in work he may find his greatest delight; that labor, though pronounced on him as a curse, is his greatest blessing.

.....They believe that study can be made more attractive than mischief--pleasant, delightful, rather than irksome, hateful. To accomplish which every energy of the true teacher should be bent.

.....They believe that good teaching is an essential element of good governing; that the teacher who can inspire his pupils with an earnest and determined spirit of investigation will have little trouble in governing them.

.....They believe that a good recitation should represent the best views of the best authors, on a given subject. The training in school should be such as to beget and nurture in the pupil a habit of self-reliance, originality and forcible and easy expression.

.....They believe that thoroughness does not mean the memoriter, humdrum recital of the words of a given text-book, but consists of the mastery of the subject, from the material gleaned from various sources.

.....They believe that the age demands young men and women of energy, enterprise and accuracy, and that school-life should develop and strengthen these essential qualifications.

.....They believe in doing with their might what their hands find to do.

.....They believe that the individuality of a pupil is sacred, and should be faithfully preserved and carefully developed.

.....They believe that if you would teach well, you must teach yourself; that if you would govern well, you must govern yourself; that if you would succeed as a teacher, you must love the work.

.....They believe that the co-education of the sexes is essential, under all circumstances, to the intellectual development of both, and to their good behavior and purity.

.....They believe that a true teacher is a friend and guide ALWAYS, a master (in the sense of "boss") NEVER.

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REMEMBER WHEN

.....Students took off their high button shoes and warmed their feet around a pot bellied stove?

.....Ladies' permanents were only a dollar?

.....Only females got permanents?

.....Only females went to beauty shops?

-Three pounds of coffee sold for 25 cents?
-People dressed up for church and didn't wear blue jeans there?
-People used pitcher pumps with bucket and dipper to get water to prime the pump?
-You had to empty the drip pan under the ice box every day?
-Cars came with hand cranks?
-People dipped lace curtains in heavy starch then took them outside and put them on a curtain stretcher?
-People cleaned the oil lamp chimney with newspaper?
-When it rained, you had to put side curtains on your automobile?
-You had to thaw out an outside pump before you could get water?
-You had to go to the grocery with a can to get oil for the lamps?
-A girl with hidden charms hid them?
-You waited for the treshing machine to get to your house? And the thrill of being water boy? Or girl?
-Fanning the threshers/ table or a picnic table with cut newspapers to keep the flies away?

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