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"The voices that will serve this country, and indeed save it, will be those of stern men demanding hard things." Walter Lippmann

"Everything science has taught me ... strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without a trace." Dr. Wernher Von Braun

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Greetings from your president .....

This time of year brings to mind, that the schools will be closing in the near future for a vacation period.

Do you remember the preparation and activity prior to and the closing of the schools for the summer in past years? It was much different than today's closings. Instead of April, it is now June before teachers and pupils are granted a vacation. When I went to a one-room school (Robbins and Needmore in Marion Twp.), we dressed up in our best and our parents and the pre-school children of the families came later with baskets filled with food. One parent would bring long wide boards which were placed on top of one row of desks for a table. When the white tablecloths were placed on the make-shift table, it was fit for a King.

After the meal, a program (which was prepared by the teacher) was presented by the students. Then school was out. The good-bys to our teacher and school mates were sometimes sad. We even bid farewell to our school friends who, perhaps, lived as close neighbors.

We did not get to travel as far or meet as many people as the school children of today. But our memories are as precious to us as the memories will be to today's pupils.

We observed the closing of the schools for Christmas vacation also with dress up clothes, a big meal and a program with a christmas tree full of gifts.

Hope to see you at the May meeting.

Maynard

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#### FEBRUARY MEETING

Sunday, February 6th, our Society met at the Danville Security and Savings Social Room with President Maynard Noland in charge. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Margaret Baker gave the devotions, using Abraham Lincoln's life as her subject. The treasurer reported a balance of \$238.92 with 740 history books on hand to sell. Frances Fisher was appointed chairman of a new Membership Committee and a moment of silence was observed in tribute to Lena McDonald and Frank Litherland who had recently passed away. After a report on the Museum by Dorothy Kelley, Betty Bartley, historical librarian of the Danville Public Library, gave a most interesting program. Using slides, she traced visually the development of the Danville public square. Her talk was so well researched and presented that she has been asked to give it to various other organizations.

Refreshments prepared by the Center Township ladies were served to the 53 members and guests present.

#### MAY MEETING

May Day will be observed by our Society with a meeting at the Hadley Friends Meeting House with Dorothy Templin chairman of the committee of Marion and Clay

Township members. Mr. Jerry Handfield, a member of the Indiana State Historical Society, will speak on the subject HOOSIER HOMEMAKERS ... THE EARLY YEARS. This will be a slide presentation and promises to be an outstanding program.

Betty Bartley, historical librarian of the Danville Public Library, contributed the following article which appeared in THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, March 4, giving the background for our May program. You will be sorry if you miss this meeting. Why don't you bring a guest ... or two or three?

#### VOICES BRING ALIVE EARLY HOOSIER HOMEMAKERS

A pregnant mother wheeling her four children in a wooden milk cart; a farm wife guiding a horse-driven plow through a bean field; a woman posing proudly with her first ice box.

They are faces from the past, but voices from the present make them come alive. Speaking in southern drawls or in the clipped tones of the north, they tell their stories of courtship and marriage, farm work, child birth, the Depression, the death of a loved one.

These women are Hoosier homemakers, preserving on tape their memories of rural life. Their words and photos are the result of research compiled not by folklorists or historians, but by other housewives.

"Hoosier Homemakers: The Early Years" is a slide-tape presentation put together by the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA). The 45,000 member organization of mostly rural and small-town women serves as the audience group for the home economics agents of the Purdue University Extension Service.

The project was initially intended to commemorate the club's 75th anniversary in 1988. But the group decided to widen its scope, interviewing not only club members, but other homemakers as well. Volunteer interviewers fanned out into every Indiana county, tape recorders in hand. They came up with 325 oral histories, the oldest from a 101-year old woman in Tipton County. Old family photos were copied for use in the slide-tape presentation.

The result of their efforts was more profound than they had anticipated. "We realized that we are documenting an undocumented group of women - homemakers," says Eleanor Arnold, project director.

What is captured on a tape is a moving and instructive glimpse of life before the age of frozen food, washing machines, gas stoves and ovens with thermometers. Women tell about threshing dinners, where neighbors gathered to help each other in the field and were fed by the host family in payment for their efforts. "We didn't have to worry about calories," recalls one woman. "We worked."

The accounts are buttered with Hoosierisms. A southern Indiana woman tells of standing by with a wet mop to guard the candle-laden Christmas tree, in case it became necessary to "outen" the fire.

A public showing of "Hoosier Homemakers: The Early Years" will be part of a program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Indiana State Library and Historical Building auditorium. The free program will mark the opening of the Historical Society exhibit, "Indiana Women Working Together, The Activities of Women's Groups Within the State Prior to 1950."

The exhibit includes photographs, minute books and memorabilia from women's groups ranging from the Women's Suffrage Association to the Daughters of Temperance. Speakers will be Mrs. Arnold and Darlene Clark Hine, associate professor of history at Purdue University.

Additional funding came from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities, the Indiana Farm Bureau and the Indiana Historical Society.

"We have been aware for many years that there is a lack of a collection of women's history," says Jerry Handfield, library field agent for the Historical Society who served as a consultant on the project.

"There are collections of a few famous women - diaries, letters, correspondence - but as far as finding out what the typical woman thought and did, these resources don't exist. The Extension Homemakers have done an enormous amount to save a good part of Indiana history - more than many historians have done."

The oral history project was Mrs. Arnold's idea - a way, she thought, to spruce up a potentially dull anniversary organizational history. Although the group's 75th anniversary isn't until 1988, members began work on the project in 1979.

"We still have charter members and we were afraid we would be losing them," Mrs. Arnold explains. In fact, several of the women who were interviewed for the project have since died.

Although not all of the interviews have been included in the presentation, Mrs. Arnold has listened to all of them. The insights into rural life during the first half of the century surprised even Mrs. Arnold, herself a farm wife.

"Nobody seems to have thought that they had a particularly terrible time during the Depression," she says. "Rural people were better off because they had gardens, eggs and milk. Many of these women talked about helping friends and relatives in the city.

"I think, through the tapes, I've gotten a very clear picture of a different kind of rural neighborhood. In 1910, a woman's world was just 14 miles long - seven miles to town in one direction and seven miles to her grandmother's the other way. Today an average farm may be 600 acres. In those days, the biggest farm was 80 acres. There were more people in a smaller space. But that world was full of activity."

The IEH plans to put together a second tape, chronicling the lives of Indiana homemakers from the 1930's to the 1980's. The group will also publish five books based upon the transcripts of the tapes.

Copies of the 28-minute long slide-tape program may be rented from the IEHA for the cost of return postage and a \$2 handling charge. Contact the Indiana Committee for the Humanities, 3135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208, or Betty Alvey, 5926 S. Park Rd., Kokomo, Ind 46902.

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Again we thank Betty Bartley of the Indiana Room of the Danville Library for the following interesting articles:

REPORT FROM THE INDIANA ROOM

BY BETTY BARTLEY

DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives is the newest addition to the reference section in the Indiana Room. This long-awaited publication contains complete and up-to-date information on federal records most often used in tracing family histories. Included are chapters on census, naturalization, military records, records relating to particular groups, such as Blacks, and American Indians, and other useful records.

Also of interest are two new periodicals dealing with genealogy. Genealogy Digest is published monthly. The latest edition contains articles on British research, and military organizations. Genealogy Today is a bi-weekly newspaper for genealogists. The April 1st issue has an interesting article listing 30 of the most common genealogical records, and what information they may contain.

The microfilming of the Danville newspapers is now completed. Issues from 1847 through 1982 are available for use by researchers. We are in the process of "shopping" for a microfilm reader-printer, and hope to have more news about this in the August Bulletin.

As always, we welcome suggestions from members on ways we may better serve the community and the county.

The following was found in the local items column of the April 22, 1875 issue of the Danville Union and is offered as a helpful hint to members thinking about Spring house cleaning:

"An ingenious device was hit upon one day last week, by a family who were house cleaning, to deter visitors from the house while that delightful task was being performed. A red flag was displayed from a 2nd story window. It was effectual."

A recent outbreak of measles among Indiana college students received much coverage in the newspapers. While working on the obituary index in the Indiana Room of the Danville Public Library, Libbe Hughes came across an article in the February 23, 1850 issue of the Danville Weekly Advertiser describing the effect the disease had on the community 133 years ago:

MEASLES

This disease is just now operating on a pretty extensive scale in Danville and the surrounding county. A great many are already down with it, and the spread of the contagion has become so general that we presume but few who have not had it heretofore will be permitted to escape.

It was brought to the place by a young man named Carson from Belleville, who has since died of it.

The newspaper did not report the number of citizens affected by the disease, or how many deaths occurred as a result. In the following issues, two deaths were

reported that listed measles as the cause of death: Elizabeth J. Crawford, wife of Henry B., who died on March 22, 1850, age 21; the other victim was Eileen Hawkins, daughter of Samuel L. and Louisa, who died on March 25, 1850, aged about 2 years.

#### WOOTEN DESK COMPANY OF DANVILLE, INDIANA .... ALMOST

By now, many members are aware of the exhibit of Wooten Patent Desk at the Indiana State Museum. It is the largest display ever seen of these fascinating desks, each featuring enough cubbyholes and secret compartments to make the most disorganized saver of scraps of paper long for a chance to sort, sift, and file.

What many may not know is that at one time there was a possibility that the small brass nameplates placed on each desk could have read: "Manufactured by the Wooten Desk Co., Danville, Ind.". The following article appeared in the March 25, 1875 issue of the Danville Union:

"Monday afternoon a meeting of citizens was called at the Auditors office to take some action as to the location of Wooten's Desk Manufactory, at this place. Although a short notice of the meeting had been given, quite a large number of our citizens came together, thereby showing their interest in the worthy project. The meeting was organized by electing W. M. Hess President and J. M. Bishop Secretary, after which Mr. Wooten, being called upon, gave a history of the business which the company proposed to locate here, and also showed in a clear and comprehensible manner, the advantages which the people of Danville and surrounding county would acquire from the location of this manufactory at this point. A committee of citizens, consisting of J. B. Homan, J. W. Estep, Moses Keeney, W. M. Hess, S. R. Craddick, J. H. Shirley, and N. T. Parker was appointed to visit the manufactory at Indianapolis, and to examine the business thereof, and to make a report of their examinations. The terms upon which the company will locate here will be made known to the citizens of Danville and vicinity at a meeting to be held at the Court house, Saturday, March 27th, at 2 o'clock p.m., to which every person interested in the welfare of our town and surrounding county are invited. This is a matter in which the farmers are interested, and they are therefore cordially invited to be present and to encourage the effort in securing so valuable a prize."

In the following weeks, several notices appeared in the newspaper, endorsing the plan to have the desks manufactured in Danville:

"The question for the citizens of Danville and vicinity is not whether we can raise money enough to comply with the proposal of the Wooten Desk Company, but can we afford to do without it?"

"The prospects of the Wooten Desk Company are quite good as good as its friends could except. It now only needs some enterprising men to enter upon an active canvass to raise the bonus. Most men are ready and willing to give something to aid in securing it. It would be a deplorable affair should we lose it for the want of some one to solicit."

"If the citizens want the Wooten Desk Company they must do as other communities -- put their hands into their pockets and shell out...."

For reasons that were never disclosed in the newspaper, the plan did not take effect, and the opportunity to become the home of the Wooten Desk Company was lost.

However, Danville did become home to the inventor of the desk, William S. Wooten. He was one of the first ministers in the Danville Friends Church. He and his wife, Theodocia, who also became a minister, moved to Danville in the 1870's. The family left Danville in 1889.

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And a big thanks to Susan Carter of the Plainfield Public Library. The HCHS is fortunate to have two such gifted and dedicated Historical Librarians as Susan and Betty. Your Editor is especially grateful, for without the help of these two dear friends THE BULLETIN would, at times, be a bit skimpy!

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#### BULLETIN

Genivie Irons Frazer has presented her recently completed book of the Byram - Irons families to the Plainfield Public Library. She did this in gratitude for the help she received when she researched her work at the Plainfield Library. This is a delightful 147 page study, complete with family photographs, of the families from the time Thomas Irons came to Hendricks County in the mid 1920's.

To the author we say: Susan Carter thanks you, the Plainfield Library thanks you, the Byram-Irons families thank you and the HCHS thanks you!

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#### PHOTOGRAPH CONSERVATION PROGRAM

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"Don't let family histories become family mysteries!" Photographs are an important part of any family's history, but they may only add to the mystery if they are disorganized, disintegrating, fading and unidentified.

The Plainfield Public Library will present a program, "Preserve Your Family Photographs," on Thursday, April 28, at 7:30. Advice from two professionals, Tim Peterson, Head of Photographic Services, and Christine Young, Senior Conservator, both of the Indiana Historical Society staff, will given at the free program.

According to Peterson, some of the topics to be covered that evening are how to mount photos in an album, materials to buy for an album, preserving the images of your photos, and display techniques which are harmful and should be avoided.

Young and Peterson will illustrate their presentation with slides and there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience. Participants may wish to bring a photograph to illustrate a particular problem.

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the free program which has been arranged by Susan Carter of the library's Historical Collection. The public is invited to call the library to register (839-6602) since attendance is limited and preregistration is required.

(Editor's Note) Although this meeting has taken place, those wanting advise or instruction on preserving photographs can get it at the Plainfield Library.



## PHOTOGRAPH PRESERVATION DISPLAY

Do you have dozens, or even hundreds, of family photographs stashed away in a suitcase in the attic or basement? If so, the job of identifying and preserving them probably seems overwhelming! It may be a job you've put off until you "have more time."

There's no time like the present and help is available, so don't despair! The Plainfield Public Library's Historical Librarian, Susan Carter, has assembled a display illustrating simple methods of prolonging the life and usefulness of treasured family photos.

During April and May visitors to the library may learn about proper handling, labelling, display and storage of photographs. A special presentation by two experts from the Indiana Historical Society is being scheduled for late April. Watch for details in this newspaper because advance sign-up will be requested.

The exhibit may be seen during library hours, 11-9 Monday through Friday and 9-5 on Friday and Saturday. Historical Collection hours are noon to 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9-noon and 1-5 on the last Saturday of the month. For further information call Susan Carter at 839-6602.

### Plainfield Library Adds New Genealogy Books

Two new additions to the Guilford Township Historical Collection of the Plainfield Public Library will be of special interest to family history researchers.

The first is the Indiana Biographical Index (1982) which is the only state-wide index to historical biographical sketches. By using the IBI, researchers have access to 225,000 names in nearly 475 county, town, and state biographical sources. Each of these 225,000 names represents a reference to a person about whom a biographical sketch is written or a directory listing giving the place of birth and/or length of residence in a county.

The IBI is contained on 16 microfiche cards which may be used with one of the library's two microfiche readers.

The second new acquisition is the DAR Library Catalog of Family Histories and Genealogies (1982), volume 1 of a 3-volume series listing the complete book holdings of the DAR library in Washington, D.C. All of the nearly 15,000 books in the Family Section of the library are listed alphabetically by surname.

This book, along with other indexes in the Plainfield library's Historical Collection, will help a researcher determine the existence and availability of printed materials on a particular surname.

Hendricks County Historical Society members are invited to visit the Guilford Township Historical Collection to examine and use these helpful new tools during regular hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon until 5:00. If further information is desired, call Susan Carter, Historical Librarian, at 839-6602.

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CALLING ALL HENDRICKS COUNTY AUTHORS

A call is out to all Hendricks County authors: "Let us know who you are!" Plainfield Public Library Historical Librarian Susan Carter has recently completed a form especially for listing information about local authors, and she is very interested in making contact with those who qualify.

Biographical information on published authors who were born or have lived in Hendricks County is added to the library's Author File. Names of those persons who meet certain residency requirements are forwarded to the editor of Indiana Authors and Their Books for possible future inclusion.

Ms. Carter would like to learn of co-authors, compilers and editors as well as those who are the sole authors of poetry, fiction or non-fiction. Length of the work is not a factor as long as it has been published. Contributors to magazines, whether paid or unpaid, are also sought. Relatives currently in this area are asked to provide information on authors who are former county residents.

The Hendricks County Author File currently contains data on over 250 people, deceased and living, and many of these authors' books are part of the library's Guilford Township Historical Collection. These books do not circulate, but may be used during the collection's regular hours. Authors, appreciative that their books will be preserved in such a reference collection, have donated copies of their work. In fact, most materials by local authors have been gifts to the Historical Collection.

An exhibit of Hendricks County authors is planned for the Fall of 1983 and a listing may be made available at that time, so respondents are asked to contact the library at their earliest convenience.

Please call the library at 839-6602 to receive an information form by mail. Any questions may be directed to Susan Carter, Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN 46168.

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Frances Bayha Davis, 3641 Pershing Avenue, San Bernardino, CA. 92405 has done considerable research on the William Donaldson family in Hendricks County and recently submitted the following article. We thank Ms. Davis and welcome other contributions of articles concerning Hendricks County.

WILLIAM DONALDSON

According to the 1860 U.S. Census of Hendricks Co., Indiana, William was born in Ireland about 1840. He lived with the Howlands; William, Elizabeth and their daughter, Mary in Center Township, Hendricks Co., for fifteen years. He was strong and able-bodied and worked on their farm until he enlisted September 7, 1861 for the duration of the Civil War. He was mustered in September 13, 1861 as a private in Captain S. J. Banta's Company, 7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. On August 9, 1862, William was wounded in action and on September 2, 1862 was admitted to Judiciary Square General Hospital, Washington, D.C. He was treated for a gunshot wound and returned to service September 13, 1862. Next William was admitted to Smoketown Field Hospital, Antietam, Maryland, October 2, 1862. He was treated for typhoid and returned to duty December 2, 1862. He was fighting at Cold Harbor,

Virginia on June 2, 1864 and was wounded in the jaw by a mini-ball. The injury was on the left side of his face. It fractured his jaw and went through his tongue. He was moved from the 4th Division, 5th Army Corp Hospital on Brockenbaugh's Farm, Hanover, Virginia to Saint Paul's Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. There in St. Paul's, William Donaldson whose number was 1379, age 23, and single, listed his residence as West Elkton, Preble Co., Ohio, -and his nearest relative was Mary Donaldson.

On June 21, 1864 William was admitted to City General Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana and then removed to E. Kin Barracks, Soldier's Home, Indianapolis, Indiana. No records were kept at the Soldier's Home before November 1, 1864. William was mustered out September 20, 1864 with his Company, receiving pay to September 19, 1864. William returned home to the Howlands in Danville, Indiana. He received medical treatment from Dr. Wilson Lockhart from 1864 to 1866. William was very weak and thin and was in addition to his wound afflicted with some disease of the back and kidneys which gave him great trouble then and as long as he lived. At times it entirely disabled him. His wound often swelled up, became inflamed and affected his tongue so that he could not speak plainly. Elizabeth and her daughter, Mary, nursed him until his wound healed. This was around December, 1864.

The Berreman family lived in Danville near the Howells. They had two daughters, Rhoda and Arminta. William began to visit his neighbors and continued to visit every few days until his marriage to Arminta on September 6, 1865, at the Berreman home. Elder H. W. Jewell performed the ceremony. William and Arminta lived in the country for awhile--about two miles from town. He worked on Adam Downard's farm gathering corn. Dr. Wilson Lockhart removed to California in 1866. Dr. William J. Headley treated William until he died. A short time later William and Arminta moved into Danville a short distance from her parents. Robert and Alfred Towles lived in houses adjoining the Donaldsons. The Howland, Donaldson and Berreman families visited each other frequently. Dr. Bradley Bartholomew delivered Arminta's only child on July 16, 1866, at their home in Danville. She was named Maud L.

William and a man named Howell became partners in the retail grocery business. Benjamin F. Howell was the brother of William's partner. He worked as a grocery clerk. He recalled that William was "all the time afflicted with some disease of the back and kidneys." He was not able to do any hard work, nor be on his feet without it causing him to suffer. Whenever he took a cold or was much exposed, his wound in the jaw and through the tongue became swelled and inflamed so as to render his talking difficult and made it hard to understand William. On February 1, 1871 Rhoda was present at the death of her sister Arminta Donaldson. In the spring of 1871 William sold his interest in the grocery. He was nursed by Rhoda and his neighbors, the Towles, in the daytime and at night. His kidney disease caused him to be weak and emaciated and finally caused his death, April 13, 1872. Rhoda said, "William was a very exemplary man, not guilty of any excesses and did not use intoxicating liquors." He was survived by his daughter.

On May 22, 1884, Maud L. Donaldson and James A. Downard were married in Hendricks Co., Indiana, by Urban C. Brewer, Mg.. On June 22, 1885, James Downard was appointed guardian for his wife. He then filed a pension claim on the service of her father. It is from the despositions in the matter of James A. Downard, Guardian of the minor child of William Donaldson, deceased, that this story was written.

References and additional significant genealogical information:

1860 Census of U.S. Indiana, Hendricks Co., Center Township

#396 William Howland, age 40, Farmer, \$3,000 Real Estate, \$700 Personal

		Born Ohio
Elizabeth Howland	39	" Ohio
William Donaldson	18 Farm Hand	" Ireland
Mary Howland	15	" Ohio

William Donaldson Min. C 326277. Co. H 7th Reg. Ind. Inf.

Information in despositions made 1885, Hendricks Co., Ind.

Dr. Bartholomew, practicing physician fifty-two years; forty-five in Danville, IN

Rhoda Emma Berreman, age 55, lived in Danville, Ind.

Adam Downard, age 65, lived in Danville, Ind.

Dr. Wm. J. Hoadley, practitioner of medicine and surgery for 25 years, lived in Danville, Ind.

Benjamin F. Howell, age 40, lived in Danville, Ind.

Elizabeth Howland, age 64, lived in Labette, Labette Co., Kan.

Dr. Wilson Lockhart removed to California, 1866, address unknown.

Robert P. Towles, age 69 & Alfred N. Towles, age 34, lived in Danville, IND.

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#### THE SALEM SCHOOL GROUND

Eighty years ago last month in March 1903, the last term of school closed at Salem. The teacher was Elizabeth Hadley.

Material from the school building was used in construction of the dwelling house just north of the Salem Church. The property was owned at that time by Ervin E. Stanley.

John Good was the carpenter. His son, Opal, remembered helping with the work.

In October of 1982, the Bible Church, who now owns the former United Methodist Church, purchased the former Salem school ground adjoining the church property on the east. It is being made into a parking lot.

The dug well on the lot has been re-opened and was found to have water within eighteen inches of the top.

The well was dug in 1872 by G. W. Bryant of Belleville. He received a little over thirteen dollars for the job.

(Helping John Parsons to locate this well was about the last thing that Roy Pritchard did in connection with the church at Salem.)

Ruth M. Pritchard

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#### MUSEUM MUSINGS

We've had several Scout troops and sororities visit the Hendricks County Historical Museum during the winter, as well as small groups of friends. Those who had visited would come again and bring friends with them.

The craft shop is always a place to stop and look around. Noticed was a whale holding crayons. This is geared more to the kiddies, but wouldn't that make a conversation piece on a desk? Keeps the whale busy while he's out of water.

There are some recipe holders that won't let the pesky cards get away and dive into the milk, skate in the shortening, and generally get messed up. Or maybe the cards play hide and seek! Yoo-hoo! Oh, its under that pan! Fine time to play "peek-a-boo"! Time's running out and this stuff has to go in the oven.

There is a red apple that will hold two pencils or maybe crayons. Another conversation piece. There's another red apple with a spring holder for all that important stuff, and those school papers that the teacher said were important.

Dorothy Kelley came up out of the basement one day carrying something that looked for all the world like what was left of an old beat-up piece of woven feed basket that had been forgotten all these years. When she shook it out it was hoops! The kind of thing that made the hoop-skirts look glamorous. This one was made out of leather. She took it home and dunked it into some suds. It looked a whole lot different. Right now, a model in the adult bedroom is wearing it. Shows how styles used to be, yes, in hot weather too!

Does anyone have an old study lamp or some such in their attics? A lamp would make reading in the library a whole lot easier. It would make a right cozy situation teamed up with the big chair in there.

The tulips in the flower bed on the front lawn are coming up, weather or not. Before long, there will be a riot of color. Later on, annuals will great us for summer.

Jewell

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#### IN MEMORIUM

Our Society is poorer by three members since our last meeting. Grace Veatch passed away the afternoon of our last meeting, Roy Pritchard lost his brave struggle April 5th, and Dorothy Ward died suddenly at her home in Pittsboro, April 12th.

Grace was one of our oldest members, and in spite of failing health, she

managed (with the aid of faithful friends) regular attendance at her church and at the HCCHS. She had contributed to THE BULLETIN: her best remembered article described the destructive fire at the Cartersburg Springs, which was located across the road from her childhood home.

Roy and Ruth Pritchard formed a team that has been an integral part of the backbone of the HCCHS. Always together, they combined their talents and interests in common endeavors ... church, genealogy and history, and even politics. It will be difficult to think of one without the other. We are confident, however, that once she recovers from the strain of her days and nights of loving care, spunky Ruth will be carrying on the work that has been so dear to the hearts of both. We hope the love and admiration of every member of our Society will make her grief easier to bear.

Dorothy Ward owned and operated a beauty shop in Pittsboro 25 years and had been a member of the HCCHS for several years. Her death was completely unexpected and came as a shock to us all.

"What the heart has once owned and had, it shall never lose."

Henry Ward Beecher

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Editor's note:

I was fortunate to be a guest at the 25th annual birthday luncheon put on by the ladies of the Pittsboro Christian Church. When I heard the story of the stained glass window, I asked Frances Fisher to write an article for THE BULLETIN. Although time was short, Frances came through, as she always does, with another delightful vignette.

#### In Retrospect

At the recent birthday luncheon held at the Pittsboro Christian Church, we were pleased to hear many compliments on the beauty and convenience of the church as well as the luncheon and program which followed.

Among the comments which impressed me most, concerned the stained glass window which has been carefully preserved since its purchase in 1906. At that time there was an ardent desire among the members to add a touch of beauty to our church which was a plain white frame building, very similar to so many country churches in the small towns in Hendricks County. The elders felt that the cost would be prohibitive, but the good women of the church immediately took over the financial problem and solved it successfully.

My mother, Nelle Dillon Weaver, was an enthusiastic worker, and aided by a cohort of the faithful, these women put on a series of entertainments. Two of them were held in the church and so many people attended there was standing room only. Mother had her training in the Education Department of old Central Normal College and she was filled with ideas of drills, readings, musical numbers, and dramatic tableaux to say nothing of pantomimes which a bevy of young attractive girls gave with such emotion. (Gestures were so important at that time) that all the little girls went around making gestures with their wrists leading, as is proper) Of course there free will offerings which didn't net too much, but every penny counted and there were always generous souls who added to the cause.

Although I was a small girl at the time, I recall the outdoor programs which brought many people to town. The first one was held in the open space between the old hotel and the big store on the corner, along the "State Road", now Highway 136. Long tables set along the sidewalk contained an unbelievable array of all kinds of foods, pressed chicken and ham sandwiches, baked beans, pickles, relishes, pies and cakes, to say nothing of home made candy and pop corn balls. One of my uncles refused to come unless he could have a piece of vinegar pie which was his favorite. I remember also, that my mother had a new punch bowl, lovely crystal trimmed with cranberry glass with matching cups. A small cup full of punch sold for 5¢ and made a surprising amount of money.

The second out door entertainment was held in a vacant lot just north of where David Hall's mortuary stands now. This time, in addition of the generous supply of food, the important feature of entertainment was the Indianapolis News Boys band which provided some of the best music we had ever heard. It was all very exciting.

All this effort, interspersed with Saturday night ice cream and cake socials on the church lawn, resulted in the purchase of the beautiful stained glass window which was placed in the east wall of the church, where it could be seen by passersby as well as admired by worshippers inside. What a beautiful sight it was to see the colors when the sun shone through that window.

When the church was remodeled in 1924, the window had to be moved from the east wall to the north side of the church, but it still played an important part as a beloved feature of our church.

When our plans for a new church became a reality, the understanding architect presented his ideas for the location of the old window. It was removed with loving hands and sent away to be repaired and releaded. It was then divided, part to be placed in the west entry, to greet people as they entered the church; the other panel was placed in the baptistry as a beautiful and impressive background. Symbolic of our faith.

On August 7, 1983, the Hendricks County Historical Society will meet at the Pittsboro Christian Church and we invite you to attend and see for yourselves this window which is so much a part of our church history.

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#### A HUMOROUS LOOK AT AGING

You know you're getting old when .....

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.  
Your children begin to look middle aged.  
You decide to procrastinate but never get around to it.  
Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.  
You look forward to a dull evening.  
Your favorite part of the newspaper is 25 or 50 years ago.  
You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.  
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.  
Your back goes out more than you do.  
You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.  
You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

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FORMER PRESIDENT GOES INTO BUSINESS

Max Lee, former president of the Hendricks County Historical Society and recently retired Danville Postmaster, has started a shop on the north side of the square. He specializes in old fashioned telephones and other antiques. Drop in some time and see Max and other old things. (Hi old Max!)

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FRACTURED SYNTAX

Although we try to stick strictly to articles about Hendricks County, the following samples, taken from actual letters received by the Welfare Department in applications for support, are good for a chuckle. Your editor and the Castetters, who submitted these amusing statements, will vehemently deny that any of them were written in Hendricks County!

I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I had seven, but one died which was baptised on a half sheet of paper.

I am writing the Welfare Department to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?

Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy.

I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?

I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.

This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?

Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything 'till he knows.

I am very much anoyed to find you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty lie as I was married a week before he was born.

In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing ten pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.

I am forwarding my marriage certificate and three children, one of which was a mistake as you can see.

My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since. Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to live an immortal life.

You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?

I have no children as yet as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.

In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

I want my money as quick as I can get it. I've been in bed with the doctor for two weeks and he doesn't do me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send for another doctor.

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