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DISCOVER THE PRESENT BY STUDYING THE PAST.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful
and hopeful than to be forty years old.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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AUGUST MEETING

Our Society met August 1st, at the Pittsboro Methodist Church. Our president, Maynard Noland demonstrated another of his many talents (new to many of us) by playing the organ and asking us to join in singing FAITH OF OUR FATHERS. Hazel Raines led our meditation time with devotions entitled GIVING THANKS TO GOD.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$193.81. Dorothy Kelley gave an interesting report on the Museum and a committee was appointed ... a committee consisting of a member from each township ... to locate old schools in the county.

The program was a playlet, written by Frances Fisher, entitled A MEETING OF THE OLYMPIAN LYCEUM. This was based on the minutes of that society at the old Dover School. The cast, dressed in costumes typical of 1895, assumed the names of actual members. It proved to be an entertaining afternoon. Afterwards, the 66 members and guests enjoyed a social hour with refreshments.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be the 7th at Bartlett's Chapel Methodist Church located between Avon and Danville on State Road #36. Since a small wedding is to take place at two o'clock that afternoon, we are asked to park on the north of the church and to enter on the north where there are few steps.

INDIAN WARS IN INDIANA is the subject of the talk which will be given by Mr. Jerry Hankins, history teacher at Plainfield High School. Mr. Hankins has made a thorough study of Indiana history and is a highly respected authority on the subject.

Washington and Guilford Township ladies will be in charge of the social hour.

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Betty Jean Volpp, of Danville, brought this marriage certificate to the Danville Public Library to be copied and Betty Bartley, historical Librarian, passed it on to us. It is a nice example of a Friends marriage "according to discipline."

Whereas Caleb Hunt of Mill Creek in the county of Hendricks, in Indiana, Son of Asahel Hunt of the same place, and Rachel his wife (deceased), and Mary Dixon, daughter of Eli Hadley of the County of Morgan and state aforesaid (deceased) and Margaret his wife, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other, before a Monthly Meeting of the religious society of Friends held at Mill creek and having consent of Parents their said proposals of marriage were allowed by said meeting. These are to certify whom it may concern, that for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this seventeenth day of the Twelfth month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and fifty one, they, the said Caleb Hunt and Mary Dixon appeared in a public meeting of said people held at Spring; and the said Caleb Hunt taking the said Mary Dixon by the hand, declared that he took her the said Mary Dixon to be his wife, promising, with divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband until death should separate them and then the said Mary Dixon did in like manner declare that she took him the said Caleb Hunt to be her husband, promising, with divine assistance, to be unto him a loving and faithful wife until death should separate them.

And moreover, they, the said Caleb Hunt and Mary Dixon (she according to the custom of marriage, adopting the name of her husband) did, as a further confirmation thereof, then and there to these presents set their hands

Caleb Hunt
Mary Hunt

And we whose names are also here unto subscribed, being present at the solemnization of the said marriage have, as witnesses thereto, set our hands the day and year above written

Asahel Hunt	Catharine Hodson
James Kersey	Amila Foster
Robert W. Hodson	Elizabeth Kersey
Jonathan Mendenhall	Louiza Harvey
John Edward	Aletha Hunt
Miles Mendenhall	Margaret Mendenhall
A. M. Hunt	Dellah Swain
Addison Hadley	Sarah Dixon
Timothy Swain	Beulah Carter
Newlin Carter	Aletha Hunt
Elihu Dixon	Cyntha Hunt
	Wm. F. Harvey

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MUSINGS AT THE MUSEUM

The Hendricks County Historical Museum had a display of churns and a "whatsit board" at BOFF, Brownsburg Outdoor Fun Festival. The "Whatsit board" consists of small articles used around the home in years past, and proved to be popular with the crowd who tried to identify as many as they could. We were sponsored by Hendricks County Bank and Trust of Brownsburg. According to reliable sources, workers in the booth were kept busy by the wind which decided to be brisk those days.

We were open during the recent Swap 'n' Shop days. Approximately 100 people registered. The weather tried it's best to be ornery on Saturday. Dampened the crowds some, then chilled them. But Sunday was just the opposite. The weather was on its best behavior.

The Clayton High School Class of 1923 celebrated its 59th anniversary last summer and plan to have their 60th one next summer. Isn't that wonderful? Not many can match that record. They have had a reunion every year since graduation. The class picture is now upstairs in the library and receives a lot of nice comment.

"Christmas at the Museum" Open House will be on December 4 and 5, and 11 and 12. The house will be decorated in keeping of yester year.

While browsing around the primitives room we came upon a carpet bag. It has been in the museum almost ever since we opened. It is quite old, but then quite new. Some of our large purses, or tote bags resemble them, at least the ones done in needlepoint. They look alike on the outside and one wonders if they are one big cavern of a barn on the inside. Cram in a lot, but can't find anything. Sound familiar? Then there is a billfold. We'd have a hard time with one that size now. But, who needs one that big when the money is smaller (more ways than one). Now that sewing machine, as many of you know who ever used one, takes

coordination. The treadle is made the shape of the feet and these happen to be generous.

In the parlor there is a display of purses, and fans. Well, with no air conditioning the air in a room needed something to stir it up.

Ladies these days would be out of luck with the purses on display. But then, they didn't carry all the stuff considered so necessary today. Driver's licenses weren't needed to drive a horse. A few cents and a hankie were about all that was needed.

The specs shown are somewhat different from today. "Pinc Nez" or nose glasses were a must for some. Some of us have enough trouble with the ones we wear now, let alone pinching one's nose. But that was the style then. Do you suppose it will come back? Others have. There is a pair of sun-glasses on the stand-table in the parlor that belongs to a by-gone day. Sun-glasses were worn rarely and were not so fashionable as now.

Jewell

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Susan Carter, Historical Librarian of the Plainfield Public Library, writes that Lynn Hopper will have a display of Depression Glass in their Historical Collection exhibit windows during November and December. It should be ready for viewing by the second week in November. She also sent the following report:

The Historical Collection at the Plainfield Public Library has just received a wonderful new resource for Hendricks County genealogists and history researchers.

One hundred twenty rolls of microfilm which were recently purchased by the library contain all of the old Danville newspapers, dating from 1854 to 1952, which formerly could be consulted only at the Hendricks County Recorder's office in the Courthouse. Also filmed were:

The Indiana County Agent, May - December, 1915 (published at Plainfield)

The Plainfield Messenger, January - December, 1939

County Courier, July 1977 - August 1978 (published at Brownsburg)

The actual filming was done by the Indiana Historical Society's Newspaper Microfilming Project and all costs associated with the filming itself were paid by the Project. The IHS made copies of the film available to libraries at a cost of \$00.04 per page. 52,225 pages appear on the 120 rolls of film. Plainfield Public Library Director Mary McMillan and Historical Librarian Susan Carter feel that this investment in Hendricks County's printed heritage is well worthwhile.

A year ago the library purchased a Canon microfilm reader/printer which enables a paper copy to be made from microfilm, much as one would use a photocopy machine to reproduce papers. This service is available at the cost of \$00.20 per page and it is applicable to census copies as well as those made from newspapers.

The Historical Collection already owned an excellent file of Plainfield newspapers on microfilm. The index to these papers, begun in October 1979, covers the period from 1881 to 1957. Personal names and subject references are included

and each citation gives the newspaper date, page and column where information may be found. Indexer Betty Bartley and volunteer typist Sue Lamb have prepared over 10,000 index cards for patrons' use.

It is also worth noting that the Historical Collection includes an obituary file for Hendricks County residents containing in excess of 27,000 names with newspaper references. Volunteers have worked diligently on this file since 1968, most notably Virginia Hadley Bourdon and Ida Mae Miller, and it is current to date. Patricia Gaddie of the library staff takes care of the typing and filing involved.

Researchers are welcomed during the Historical Collection's regular hours from noon until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week and on the last Saturday of each month from 9 - noon and 1 - 5 p.m. Appointments for other times may be scheduled by calling Historical Librarian Susan Carter at 839-6602. The library's address is 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN 46168.

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TOWNSEND TIES

Marian McClure Carter of rural Coatesville, owner, has permitted a number of Townsend Family letters to be photocopied. The William Townsend to whom these letters were written, was a great grandfather of Marian Carter. The Danville and the Plainfield Public Libraries have copies of these letters.

Background information on William Townsend was found in Willard Heiss's "Abstracts Of The Records Of The Society Of Friends In Indiana" and some added notes were found in William Wade Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia Of America Quaker Genealogy" in the Plainfield Library Historical Room.

William Townsend of Perquimans County, North Carolina, married his first wife, Nancy Copeland, daughter of Eli and Ann, at Eli Copeland's house 1803 - 1st mo - 18th day. Rich Square Monthly Meeting records give Nancy's birth date as 1796 - 6th mo - 19th day.

Minutes of White Water Monthly Meeting show the Townsend Family in Indiana, received on certificate from Centre Monthly Meeting, North Carolina 1820 - 5th mo - 27th day. At that time William and Nancy had children: Eli, Josiah, Elizabeth and Catherine. The minute for 1824 - 3rd mo - 20th day, states that William Townsend and children Eli, Elizabeth and Josiah were granted a certificate to White Lick Monthly Meeting.

Original land owners records show that William Townsend entered land in Guilford and Liberty Townships in 1825. He was a consistent voter beginning in 1826.

Ruth Mitchell Pritchard

March 14 1852

Often Remembered 'Father & Mother this may in form you that we are all tolerable well at present truly hoping when those few lines may come to hand they may you all enjoying a good degree of health and strength we received your letter last evening which was dated they 22 of last month which was a great satisfaction to us to hear from you though sorry to hear that Mother was so unwell and that thy eyesight had failed so much for it is such a melancholy thing to lose they faculty of sight and yet retain they faculty of hearing that which we can not see well

the said that you have had they coldest winter that has been for they 12 or fifteen years -well you have not had as cold a winter as we have for our coldest weather they mercury stood 27 degrees below zero and i can tell you it was some one thing you have not had that we have and that is they wind i do think i can say in truth that i never did see and hear as much wind in all my life as i have since we have been in iowa just our common winds here you would think it was a storm in indiana they wind is now a blowing to all might well might well i reckon i must quit about they wind for i no that you are tired of hearing about it before now as to george stalkers acoming back this spring they will not come they staid all night at our house three weeks ago last fourth day on their way back they went on the next day down to William Henshaw on pleasant plain prairie and has rented a place down their two miles and a half south of Richland so we cant get him to oregon i dont want any of you to think hard of what we said about going to oregon for we had no thought of going there we said it because that is all we can hear tell of here is a going oregon and Father we thank the very much and take it as a kindness from a Father for that money the sent me for to get a barrel of flour to start to oregon with but i am a going to get some flour to start back to indiana with for we aint had any biscuit in our house but once since last June and we would not of had that but some moovers staid here they night before christmas and they had a sack of flour in their wagon and their horse got to it that night and tore their into and spilt some on the ground and after they went away i went and gathered up enough to make us a first rate mess i think uncle Joel hodgin is a doing very wrong for selling out and moving to iowa for i just do now that him nor aunt lizza will not like they country if they was here to day they would say well well dont this beat out any thing well Father we bin hinting about comeing this some time and now i am just a going to come out right plain about it i am agoing to come back sell or not sell if i am permitted to live that long and i want to now what the and they rest of the thinks about it for we can rent our place most any time we say so but daniel is afraid we cant get any house to go into nor nothing to do but i tell him he can work enough in harvest and corn gathering and get enough wheat and corn to last us a year and the balance of his time he can work at something else and i certainly can get something to do for i have improved right smart in sewing and good many other things and Mother i have got my flax and toespun and is awaiting for the weather to turn warmer so i can have the loom in the porch for their aint room enough in the house to have the loon in it and i made too kettles of soap yesterday which is first rate they reason we cant sell our place is because the emigration to oregon is so great that is land down to almost nothing some would almost give their land away rather than to miss going most of the people think that the price of land will be up in a few years and daniel dont want to sell his till he can get the worth of it the reason that daniel dont right any in this letter is because he is a righting a lettero Samuel Lotchers and tell John Ramsey Betsy Jones has been very sick for the last eight or nine weeks with a pain in her hip and thigh so that there was no hopes of her ever a getting well but i was down to see her last fourth day and she was considerably better so i must come to a close for i now you are tired of reading this now Father i want the to answer this as soon as it come to hand or have it done this from Danielle Martha Ramsey to their affectionate

Father & Mother
William & Ann Townsend

Perquimans County
Northcarolina 10 of 11th moth
1835

Dear Brother

I hav taken my seat on purpos of writing a few lines to the I can inform the that we are all well at present and hope these few lines may find the and thy family enjoying the same blessing I live with Jacob and Martha yet tha all well Frederick and Thomas s familys have been very sickly this faul tha hav had the measels verry bad in their familys and sorrowful indeed it is that I hav to convey the melancholy news of the death of my dear sister Mary I hav lost one of my best friends she has been a mother to my pore little fatherless children but now she is gone and I hope my great loss is her eternal gain She departed this life the twenty first of the eighth month 1835 I think she would of hav come to that country if she had a lived Frederick and Jacob talks of coming next spring and if tha do I shall try to come if if I can get there but I dont no how that will bee I have neither horse cart nor not much of any thing else than here is the black ons old sarah and her childran I cannot bare the thoughts of leaving them here and tha hav nothing to carry them away old sarah says she will go if we do my dearsister has been verry much concerned about them for many years not noing what would become of them she told me a few days before her death to wright to the to come here and help us to get them away to a land of freedom we should bee verry glad to see the come to this land if it was not too great an undertaking for the I expect thee begins to feel old age a creeping on I think it is likely it would bee better for my children if tha ware there prehaps tha would get some schooling if nothing else I shall have nothing to by land with I cannot know what would become of me if I was to come I want one time more to have my children both to live with mee for a home is a home be it ever so homely I am at a great loss to know what to do and hav been for a long time I expect we shall leave brother Thomas behind if we do come and that would bee hard fo me to do he is married again and I do not know whethe he will ever come or not I think if the could come it is verry likely the would get a smart chance of us of tho I do not expect I shall ever bee satisfied if I come tho I am not satisfied here I think it would bee better for my children if tha ware there tha are pore tha have no property I hav a small bit of land my life time then it will be theirs I tried to get an order of Cort to sell it and tha say it cannot be done an that will not bee worth any thing when tha get grown it will take what it rents for to keep it up I should be verry glad if the would come or send something to help to get these black ons away for if tha stay here tha will cetainly bee made slaves of some day or else I expect Frederick and Jacob has each of them one lives with them I expect the will bring them if tha come then there will be old Sarah and her little boy her daughter Ann and her children I am not able to carry my self an children it would of take all I have to buy a horse and cart and I should have but verry little to carry mee I want the to write to me as soon as the can the I may know whither to try to get them ready or (hold in paper) And I hope the lord will reward the pleas write to me as quick as possible the spring will soon bee here the fourth month we want to get of if we come I have nothing more at present so I conclud and remain thy affectionate sister
Esther Hollowell

Dear Brother I have taken my pen to write a few lines to the for the first time as my dear sister has often rote the I thought it sufficient but she is gone and I hope wher Joys abound and songs of noble praises sung She departed this life 21 of the 8 month after about 10 days illness I can inform the that I and family are all well I have 2 children Margaret Ann and Exum Newby Winslow I have not

much to writ as Esther has wrote to the I have rote a few lines to let the now
that I had not forgot the we think of movving to that country nex spring If
nothing happens to hinder So I conclud and remain thy ever loving sister
Martha N. Winslow my husband sends his respects to the

Jacob W. Winslow

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HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RECORDS

On October 15, 1982, a meeting of the Hendricks County Commission on Public Records was held at the Court House. Many people had expressed an interest in the outcome, having read that "old, unwanted records" were going to be destroyed.

John Newman, State Archivist, and member of the State Commission on Public Records explained the procedure to those attending the meeting. He stated that no records of permanent value would be destroyed, including those of value for historic or genealogical research. At the next meeting, to be held November 12, 1982 at 1:00, in the Circuit Court room, those officials wishing to dispose of records will submit a list of those records. The county historical societies then have 30 days to examine these lists and determine if any of the records should be retained by the historical societies.

For further information on the procedure involved, those interested should read Indiana Code 5-15-5-1 through 5-15-6-7. Copies of the Indiana Code can be found at any county library.

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This amusing verse was found in the papers of the late Marie Settles and was passed on to THE BULLETIN by Patricia Settles of Hazelwood. Thanks, Patricia!

Grandmother, on a winter's day, milked the cows and fed them hay;
slopped the hogs, saddled the mule, and got the children off to school;
did a washing, mopped the floors, washed the windows, did some chores;
cook a dish of home-dried fruit and pressed her husband's Sunday suit;
swept the parlor, made the beds, and baked a dozen loaves of bread;
split some firewood and lugged in enough to fill the kitchen bin;
cleaned the lamps and put in oil, stewed some apples she thought might spoil;
churned the butter, baked a cake, then exclaimed "For goodness sake!
The calves have got out of their pen", went out and chased them in again;
gathered the eggs, and locked the stable, then back to the house to set the table
cooked a supper that was delicious, and afterward washed all the dishes;
fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes, mended a basketful of hose;
then opened the organ and began to play,
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."

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HENDRICKS COUNTY CHURCHES MARK 150 YEARS

Religious stirrings were prominent in Hendricks County in 1832 as is evidenced by the reports of sesquicentennials observed. THE BULLETIN has received detailed accounts of three such celebrations and it is unfortunate that space will not allow us to print the full account of each church. So with apologies to those of you who so thoughtfully contributed these articles, we attempt to condense these histories to accommodate our space.

LIZTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Lizton United Methodist Church began their 150th celebration August 8th. The first church, known as the Montgomery Chapel, was built on land purchased from the Montgomerys for \$50. It stood $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Lizton and the old church cemetery is still there.

The first bible used by the church was printed in 1793. The bible's cover was so worn from use that it had to be recovered with deerskin from an animal shot by the founder, William Montgomery. The bullet hole still shows on the front cover of the bible. The first church lasted for 39 years when a frame building was built.

Members of that first Sunday Class at the Montgomery Chapel include: Joseph Plummer, Sarah Burgin, Clayborn Davis, John Pritchett and William Montgomery. Present at the August 8th Founders' Day service were several descendants of these five members of the original church.

A solo, HOW GREAT THOU ART, by Dan Pritchett, a great-great-great-grandson of John Pritchett, high lighted the day with the Rev. Loren Maxwell the speaker.

HAZELWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Hazelwood Baptist Church celebrated its 150th anniversary Sunday, September 26th. This church, properly named The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Hazelwood, was started in 1832 by 13 Indiana pioneers. These hardy Christians felt the need of a local church to help them in their spiritual life and labored to found one despite the day-to-day struggle to provide the basic necessities of life.

After meeting in homes for many years, they built their first building near what is now Center Valley Cemetery. Their next meeting place was located on C. R. 900 South, just west of Hazelwood Road. The present building, located in Hazelwood, was built in 1909 and has seen several additions over the years.

The church was pleased to have as speaker Dr. Bob Jones, III, president of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. Dr. Jones is the grandson of the founder of the University in 1927.

THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

The early records of the First United Presbyterian Church of Danville have been lost, but it is known that the church was formed in 1832. The only three members for whom there is any documentary proof are William Miller, Daniel McAuley and Samuel McPheters. On 6th of June, 1837, property was purchased from Simon T. Hadley and Mary for the sum of \$35. A building was soon erected as a house of worship and was used for such purposes until the second house was built, dedicated in 1858.

According to the 1885 HISTORY OF HENDRICKS COUNTY, the following people were also members: William McLeod and wife, Jacob K. Moore and wife, Alexander Morris and family, Dr. Henry G. Todd and wife and Samuel King.

The first known pastor who served the church was the Rev. Samuel Lowry/Lowrey, who also served the Presbyterian Church in Greencastle, leading us to think he was also a "circuit preacher". Henry Ward Beecher is reputed to have preached in the old church during sessions of the presbytery.

The Danville Presbyterian Church, also known as the Cumberland Presbyterians, started work on a new church building in the spring of 1884, completed in November of that year. This structure is the present house of worship, and, except for two short periods, it has been used as the Presbyterian place of worship for 98 years.

The congregation of the FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites one and all to their various activities during December.

(Editor's note: After the devastating Christmas Eve fire in 1976, it was feared by some that the church might have difficulty recovering, but the congregation was undismayed and they now have a lovely sanctuary with pewter-colored pipe organ matching the pewter of the chandeliers. An ultra modern kitchen has just been completed. Mrs. Henry Cox, who furnished this material, asks us to search attics and trunks for any records concerning this church and if any are found to contact her at 310 Urban St., Danville 46122 or call 745-2628.)

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SEPARATION OF SCHOOL AND CHURCH?

For forty-nine years the Salem school in district number eight of Liberty Township existed immediately east of the Salem Church property.

When this school was discontinued in the spring of 1903, some of the material, bricks, floor joists etc., were used in the construction of the first house north of the church in 1904.

That property was then owned by Ervin E. Stanley. The late Opal Good of Danville remembered helping his father, John Good, haul the bricks and other material from the school house site to its new location and use.

The Belleville Bible Church purchased from Indiana South Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Salem Church property in 1977.

The elders of that church negotiated with the recent owner of that adjoining former school ground, Glenn Horton Cook, with the intention of purchasing it for church parking. On October 5, 1982 the papers were signed deeding to the church the ground bought by the school trustees of Liberty Township from David and Hannah Demoss, June 9, 1854.

So now the school grounds and the church grounds are joined into one property.

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THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE WAS WRITTEN BY MARY ANN MOORE AND IT APPEARED IN THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FLYER IN AUGUST:

DYNAMO LADY HELPS COUNTY

Her birthday is coming up on Aug. 25 -- this special person I have in mind. Last year when she turned 70 and also became a great-grandmother, her family really celebrated. Now she looks forward to a new T-shirt with the new birthday number on the front.

You can all help me applaud her: Dorothy Kelley. A retired school teacher was left a widow in 1976, she was not one to wallow in self pity or sit and twiddle her thumbs. She found some really worthwhile projects. Not long before that time, the Hendricks County Museum had been born. It started from scratch in the old jail, in Danville, when the new jail was finished.

Dorothy began to do volunteer work on each Tuesday. Now she is available any time day or night, to show groups through this delightful old Victorian home and the adjoining cells. That's the icing on the cake - showing folks what all is there and explaining it all.

What else at the museum does this dynamo of a lady do? Well, name it - just about everything. She's not against getting dirt under her fingernails or smears on the knees of her slacks. Every time it rains really hard, water runs across the basement floor. With a sponge in the right hand, a pan in the left, she heads down there and stoops or kneels to sop it up.

Weeds to pull, mulberry trees to cut out, windows to wash, curtains to make, displays to set up, records to keep, 14 mannequins to dress (oh, can they be stubborn) then sweep, dust, mop, wax - again on the knees - un huh, just like at home. Put out the flag, take down the flag. Shovel the steps when the snow gets deep. It is never too hot or cold to find Dorothy at her volunteer work. Just last Tuesday she was down there until 10 p.m. with her daughter, painting the gift shop.

Dorothy has boundless energy, grit and determination. At home (not far from Brownsburg or Pittsboro) she mows two acres, has a large garden, paints, and often sews until long into the night. Doesn't that make you tired just to hear about it? Really - she can outwork most any two, half her age. If a volunteer is needed for almost anything, she's there. Dorothy was chairman of Extension Homemaker's International Day this past year and worked beneath sweltering tent at Open Class, at the fair, on the day the exhibits were brought in.

She tutors slow students, newcomers to our country and those on probation. I could go on and on listing the organizations she belongs to and the things she does. I've often told her that if I wrote a story about her, folks might not even believe me. She doesn't know that I really have gotten around to writing this story so I may be in BIG trouble!

If you've never visited the museum, then shame on you. The people of Hendricks County have given so generously that the three floors of rooms are almost full to the brim. Always, first timers are so surprised and the usual comment is, "I'm coming back when I've got more time."

Some people still say, "I didn't know we had a museum in Danville."

I wish some people would say, "I believe they could stand some more help down there at the museum. I think I'll get involved and get a piece of the action."

Maybe we all need to realize how many hours Dorothy has spent, how many miles she has driven and how much of herself she has poured into YOUR museum!

She is happy for every minute of it and hopes to see a whole bunch of you show up some Tuesday, 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., when she is down there working away! "Happy birthday, Dorothy!"