

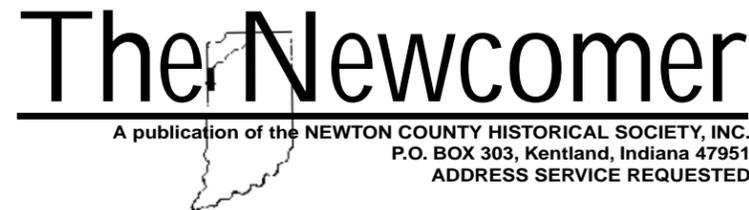
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A Walk Around Sumava

Submitted by Beth Bassett

While searching for material for this edition of *The Newcomer*, I selected three years of the *Morocco Courier*, 1931-1933, from the newspaper collection at the Resource Center. Mr. Allan Augustin was the editor at the time, and the pages during his term as owner and editor reflect his love for the history of our county as well as the residents.

Looking through the pages, it was quite evident that the area was caught up in the midst of the great depression. The publication of numerous sheriff sales, the many business robberies, and several stories regarding chicken thieves drew a picture of desperate times for our residents. However, the businesses of the time held on as best they could, supporting their weekly paper by placing advertisements that sent out a subtle message to their customers that life as they knew it may have changed, but they were still in business and with perseverance, the community would not fail and return to its time of prosperity that still prevailed in their minds.

In the 1932 editions, I found the first printing of "Ralph, the Story of Bogus Island" to appear in the *Morocco Courier*, with notations that it had originally appeared in the *Kentland Democrat* twice prior, with the first time being 1893. On into the 1933 issue, I found reprints of articles from the Darroch and Hamilton History of Jasper and Newton Counties, 1916, as well as excerpts from John Ade's history book written in 1911, including John Higgins' account of Newton County and the Civil War.

So, it was a pleasant surprise when I came upon the article that follows that gives a 1933

look at Sumava Resorts, and adds a bit of history that many of us may not have been aware. The pictures reproduced here were very dark in the paper, but felt that they needed to be included. The series of articles appeared in several issues. The interview Mr. Augustin had with Ned Barker is included with this submission as well.

Beautiful Newton County Resort Grew from Wilderness to Permanent Village

By Allan Augustin

Reprinted from *The Morocco Courier*, August 10, 1933.

On the northern border of Newton County and covering the old Frenchman's Swamp and the pass where horse thieves used to lead their nefarious gains across the winding waters of the Kankakee stands a beautiful little summer village.

Sumava, with its tall trees, its carefully platted shrubbery and rock gardens, its stone streets, its miniature lakes, the beaches on the river, stands today as a monument to the enterprise and pioneer spirit of the Bohemian people who live there.

Forty-three families that live there the year round and comprise permanent population of Newton County were first attracted to the resort by its opportunity for rest and recreation. They came from Chicago to play-to relax-but soon found themselves in love with their recreation abode to an extent which has made them work and develop permanent homes.

In 1926 a tired real estate man in Chicago, James Koutny, came out to the Kankakee valley for a rest. He fell in with John Senia, an old resident of the valley, who provided quarters for Koutny and his family during a camping trip and rest. Koutny liked the place and built himself up physically with the invigorating outdoor life. He bought a tract of five acres and then began to see the possibilities of the valley as a summer resort for Chicago people.

By the way, the Koutny tract which is now on an island between the old and new rivers, is landscaped as an English park and the Koutny family reside the year round in a modern home situated on these beautiful grounds overlooking the river.

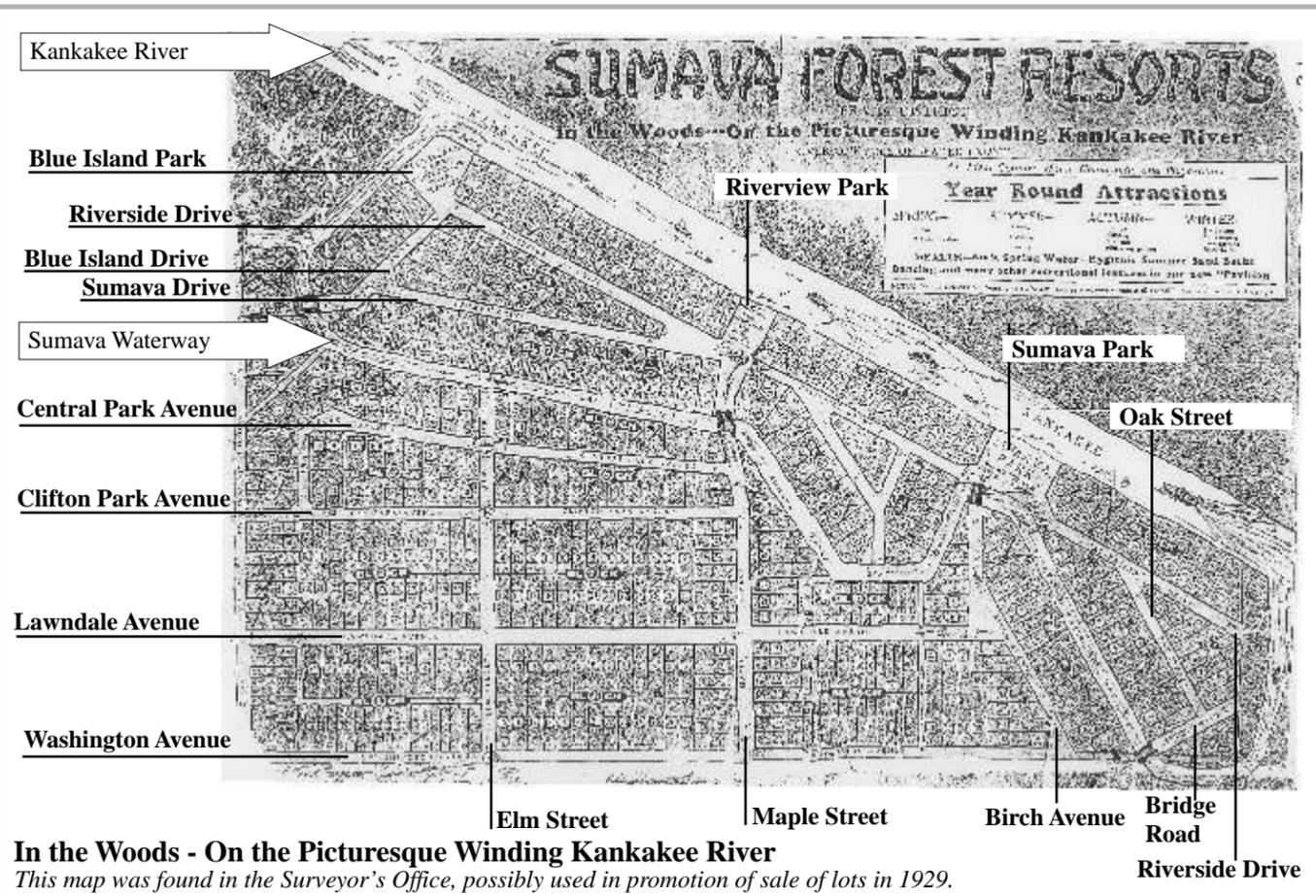
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This is a forest scene of early Sumava. Reprinted from the 1933 Morocco Courier.

Historically Yours

By Newton County Historian Donna LaCrosse



In the Woods - On the Picturesque Winding Kankakee River
 This map was found in the Surveyor's Office, possibly used in promotion of sale of lots in 1929.

In 1927 Sumava Forest Resorts, Inc., was organized with a capital of \$100,000, the land bought, platted with roads, parks, beaches, etc. and lots began to sell fast. Cottages sprang up and public improvements were made. Special trains and busses were run from Chicago to carry the multitude of weekend visitors, which sometimes ran as high as 5,000 people.

Thus Sumava sprang up. Public improvements, which were put in by the company include the Sumava river, (a canal built through the village), three public bathing beaches on the Kankakee, four artificial lakes, 23 public wells. Masaryk park, the community hall, the drainage pump which has a capacity of pumping one million gallons per hour into the river in times of heavy rains. Seven miles of rock road were built and deeded over to the county as public highways. Power and light is furnished by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

These are the improvements made and had not the depression came on, affecting summer resorts as well as all other mortal endeavors, a much larger program was

contemplated. Plans included a modern Venice in the western part of the plat, including a complete system of waterways for gondola transportation. Two and one-half acres have been set aside to be reserved for a future school.

Although the sale of lots slowed up following the advent of 1929 and '30 and the corporation's funds for further public improvements became exhausted, the enterprise of the people themselves has continued to make Sumava grow in beauty with each year of age. Rock gardens, shrubbery, improvements to the residences can and are doing wonders in enhancing Sumava's summer splendor. Some of the modern homes would be a credit to the residential district of any metropolis.

The business district and residential district of this model summer village are separated by platted bounds. In the business district, many small businesses cater to the needs of residents and visitors and are operated by permanent residents of the village.

Sumava presents an inviting situation for a summer home. Its people are law

abidding American citizens, friendly and progressive. The corporation has about 250 acres of land in addition to the platted lots suitable for small farming enterprise which, like all land in northern Newton County offers opportunity to the truck and poultry farmer because of its proximity to the great Chicago market.

Your editor, spending several hours in Sumava, was unable to cover all points of interest. Among the places of interest was the Sumava zoo operated by pioneer John Senia. The animals are all raccoons, but there are some twenty of them, all sizes, and interesting to watch.

Last, but not least, we visited the camp of Ned Barker, Newton County's famous trapper and hunter who has seen the transformation of the Hoosier Hunting Grounds into an agricultural area. Situated next to Caw Caw camp, where Att'y J. C. Murphey and family spend their summer weekends Ned sojourns with a pack of excellent wolfhounds and frequently sallies forth to bring in wolf and fox pelts. At present he has five young wolves penned up and always has a display of pelts to show to

interested in seeing what she has done with the material she has accumulated. Spring has arrived!! You can smell it in the air, the grass is getting green, the birds are chirping early in the morning and by golly, the snow has all but disappeared!! I knew if we hung in there a little longer, we would get some nice weather. However, we really can't complain - we only had really bad days in February and a few days in March. When we think about what happened in Colorado and in the east, we can find no room to be unhappy.

We have a little good news to share with you - grandson number one (our daughter's oldest son) has accepted a position at the New England Conservatory in Boston and will be moving to that city on March 24 where he will begin his new job on the first Monday in April. We are happy for him but sad he will be too far away to come home very often. Grandma and Grandpa are used to having him drive up from Bloomington for an overnight stay on his way to Chicago for a night at the opera!! He just turned 29 so I guess we have been lucky to have had him popping in for these many years!!

Dan, our oldest LaCrosse grandson, has been in Iraq since last August and is coming home for a fifteen day leave in April. It will surely be nice to see him after all these months. We do keep in touch via email, which is a lot better than sending letters by snail mail!! But, we miss him and his slow gait of meandering into the house with no sign of hurry on his face or his body!! I don't know how anyone can move so slowly and still get somewhere, but he managed to get through all his schooling, including high school football, and Purdue for four years so I guess it isn't how fast you move, but what you accomplish that counts!!

And, we are to be great-grandparents in May!! Maybe this will be a girl - however, the two little boys we have are nice and we will take what we get and be happy. I would like to buy a baby-doll for under the Christmas tree again while I am still able to shop and sane enough to enjoy the happy smile when the package is opened!!

We also have a foster grandson getting married in July and we are happy about this. He will also be graduating from IUPUI in Indianapolis in May. And, we have a grandson graduating from high school in May. This looks to be a busy summer!!

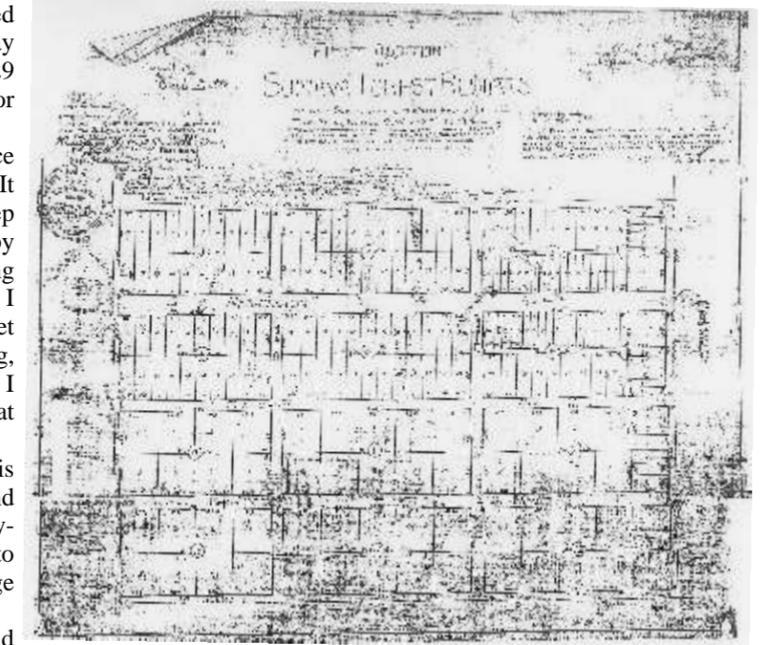
I recently had the pleasure of reading through the first of three books about Lincoln Township that were done by Gerald Born. Very nice addition to the history of Newton County. This book was compiled by Born and Sharyn Harvey and contains information about 1910 settlers in Roselawn, Thayer and Shelby, which is a part of Thayer history but located just across the river into another county; obits and cemetery information and early newspaper articles. It is quite interesting. I am looking forward to reading the second book.

I am also enjoying my email relationship with Sharon Leichy of Argos, Indiana whose book about the Amish people in the Mount Ayr area will be published in a few months. I have been helping her identify children in various classrooms at the Mount Ayr school and at the Colfax school. She is willing to share those pictures with me for the Mount Ayr, Jackson Township and Colfax Township book. I am sure you are all going to be

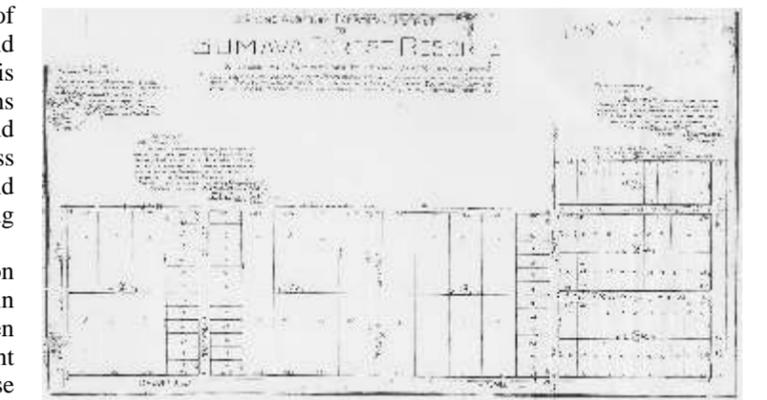
interested in seeing what she has done with the material she has accumulated.

Enjoy the months ahead and keep thinking, and writing, about your family - that is history in the making and when you write your thoughts down on paper, those words will be read by many and your family will be remembered for years to come. Sharing is what it is all about!!

Additions to Sumava Forest Resorts



This 1929 Plat of Sumava Forest Resorts was found at the Surveyor's Office.



Plat of Sumava Forest Resorts for the Second Addition, was found at the Surveyor's Office, filed in March, 1931

Local Newton County Poetry and Prose

Quill & Ink

Home Cooking

A poem by Helen Thompson, Brook, Indiana

The range,
 Black Home Comfort,
 She, in checkered gingham,
 Ruling the range,
 Cooking surface red hot,
 Fired with wood and corncocks,
 Heat controlled by
 Stuffing in more fuel,
 No burners,
 Set a pan anywhere,
 Simmer by
 Moving to the back.
 Warming oven,
 Bulging above the
 Heating surface
 With drop-down doors.
 Keep anything there
 Warm for serving.
 Noodles, rolled from
 Egg yolks and flour,
 Cut, dropped in the
 Steaming chicken broth
 Afloat with chunks of
 White meat
 And the gizzard,
 Thinly sliced.
 Biscuits made
 From scratch,
 Baked in huge sheets,
 Served hot to melt the
 Home-churned butter,
 To soak up the
 Strawberry preserves.
 Green beans,
 Simmered with fresh
 Side meat for
 Most of the day.
 Potatoes, cooked
 To mealy whiteness,
 Whipped with country
 Cream and dotted
 With butter, warming
 In the square, white
 Ironstone bowl.
 Fixing food for the boys--
 That's what she liked to do.
 They'll never eat
 Like that again.

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Items associated with our website and the Internet

Kyle Conrad is seeking volunteers . . . "I'm looking for volunteers to help inventory Civil War veteran gravestones this summer and if anyone is interested to contact me at kidclerk@aol.com. I have compiled a list but now need to check to see if they have family or government stones and record the condition and whether they have a flag holder. This will require walking most cemeteries in the county to locate and record this info something that we can do as time allows, but if anyone expresses an interest, I'll contact them and we'll set some dates.

The Newton County Historical Society can now send you notice by e-mail of upcoming meetings and events. If you would like to be included in this list, please e-mail us at newtonhs@ffni.com.

Recipes From Days Gone By

Those "never fail" recipes handed down over the generations.

I grew up on a farm south of Highway 16 on the Newton/Jasper County Line and am the 2nd child of seven born to Harold and Elizabeth Williams. After high school I took a job at the Community State Bank in 1962 and moved in with my Great Aunt Louise Unger in Brook. I took with me my favorite copies of my mother's recipes. With nine people to feed, these cookies did not last long. If you do not have access to hickory nuts, you can substitute your favorites, but the hickory nuts earned me a blue ribbon at the county fair. Most of our baking when I was growing up involved our own lard and eggs but I buy shortening and eggs now. *Submitted by Nancy Jo Prue*

Carmel Nut Slices

2 cups soft shortening (part margarine)
 4 cups brown sugar (packed)
 4 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 7 cups flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons soda
 1 cup hickory nuts
 Blend well with mixer the shortening, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla.
 Add most of flour, salt and soda using low speed. Stir in rest of dry ingredients and nuts with a wooden spoon.
 Form into 2" diameter rolls and wrap in waxed paper. Chill overnight.
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
 Slice 1/4" thick and bake for 8 or 10 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet until lightly browned.

visitors.

Including public and private improvements it is safe to say that a half million dollars has been spent in the improvements of Sumava.

A Walk Around Sumava

August 24, 1933

Just south of the Kankakee River on U. S. Highway 41 is the entrance to Sumava Forest Resorts, the summer playground that made northern Newton County famous to Chicago.

A newly erected lunchroom and filling station called Doll House stands at the entrance. It is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parks, old residents of Newton County.

Entering Sumava on Washington Street, we cross the New York Central tracks. There is no depot here, but hundreds of special excursion trains have stopped and still stop occasionally at this point. A two acre tract was secured here by the railroad company as a future site for a station.

Then comes the home of Sumava's oldest permanent resident, Vincent Mokracek, who is 72, but keeps a beautiful flower and vegetable garden in the yard of his slightly home.

Across the street is the \$16,000 residence of Laddie Dvorak, a leading actor in the Bohemian theater in Chicago, who commutes to his home in Sumava.

Next comes the Frank Lempera home where we find a model vegetable garden testifying to the productivity of the soil. The Lemperas are permanent year-round residents.

James Kral is another permanent resident and has recently engaged in a new enterprise, raising bees. Under the able tutelage of Ned Barker he promises to develop a successful apiary.

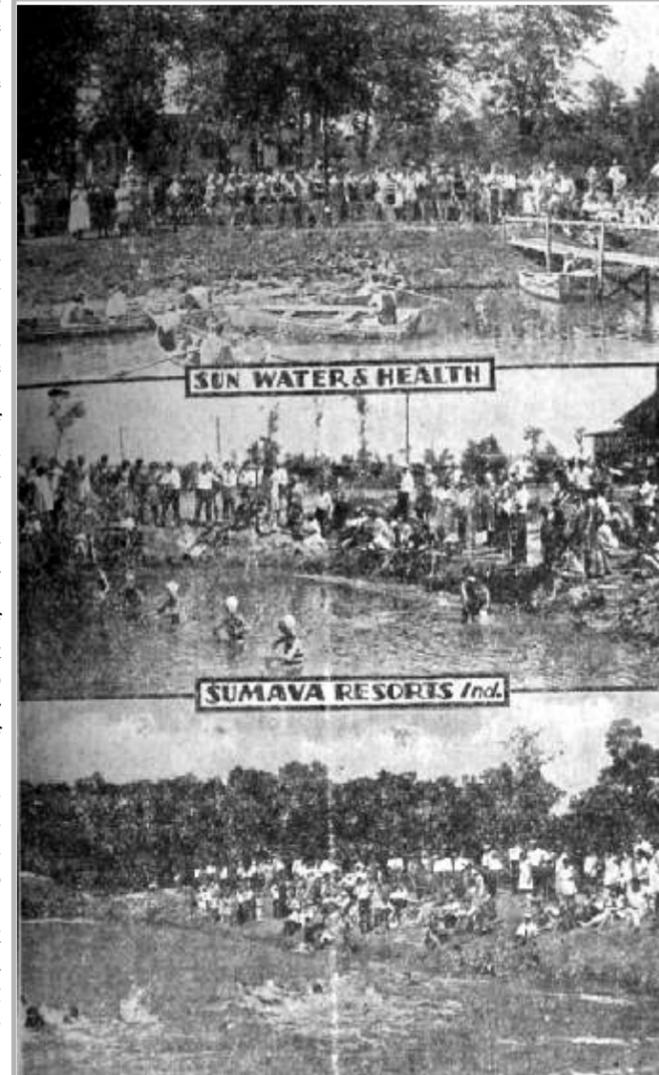
Then comes Mathias Polfer, Sumava's building contractor. His wife has a pretty flower garden adorning their English style home.

Then as Washington Street runs into the business district of the village we come to the hostelry of Joe Brabec, who has recently emblazoned fronts or the deep show

added a dancing floor to his hotel and restaurant and holds dances every Saturday evening. A beer sign in front heralds to the thirsty passerby that there is plenty of 3.2 inside.

A Walk Around Sumava

September 7, 1933



Swimming, Boating, Picnicing Are Popular on the Kankakee

The above scenes depict summer pastimes on the Kankakee waters. Long ago, when the city of Chicago was young, a project of pumping water from the Kankakee River for drinking purposes in Chicago was seriously considered. The Kankakee waters were always noted for their purity, and early trappers and hunters drank from the river and old Beaver Lake. Reprinted from the Morocco Courier, August 27, 1933.

The business district of Sumava is not a busy thoroughfare such as one finds in a populous city, nor has it paved streets, boldly emblazoned fronts or the deep show

windows of our marts of commerce. It is rather a modest array of buildings, in fact, but neat and orderly with friendly people catering to and supplying the wants of the community.

Across the street from the Brabec Hotel is the Little Bohemia Restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dvorak and the latter's mother, Mrs. Krahl who is noted for being a good cook operate this business which is housed in a modern brick building.

Coming to the corner of Washington and 26th streets we find the post office, a one-story frame building, which receives and dispenses mail from Sumava Resorts. James Uridel, the postmaster has the capable assistance of his wife. The mail is taken and delivered by a star route from Schneider twice a day. The Uridels live on Washington Street not far from the post office. Mrs. Uridel is an expert at canning fruits and jellies and keeps the family larder well supplied with these items.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Petrash is located in a nice bungalow a block west of the post office. They have a sightly home and flower and vegetable garden in which they raise vegetables for family use.

Next to the Petrash home is the house of Mr. and Mrs. James Lukes where Postmaster and Mrs. James Uridel now live. Mr. Lukes, who built this home in Sumava and lived here for two years has gone back to Chicago to pursue his trade as a baker, but later expects to return to Sumava.

Twenty-sixth Street, which intersects Washington at this point was named after 26th street in Chicago which great thoroughfare was built up by the Bohemian people of Chicago; hence its namesake in Sumava. One-half block south on this street is the Sweet Shop, a dispensary of soft drinks, candy and cigars operated by Mrs. Martha Seman.

Across from the Sweet Shop is the Community Hall, owned by Sumava Resorts, Inc. and the scene of many dances,



Riverside Drive and Washington Avenue, Sumava. Reprinted from the Morocco Courier, 1933.

movie shows and community entertainments. even political meetings were held here during last year's campaign. This was remodeled last winter and dances are held every Saturday night with the Sumava band (from Chicago) playing frequently, and contrary to the belief of some the dancers are happy and enjoying themselves with nothing to drink but good pure Sumava water.

North a block on 26th street is another amusement center, the concrete block building of the Sumava cement block maker, where the old settlers enjoy Saturday night dancing with the old time music and dance.

Across the street from the old settler's dancing club is the refreshment parlor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burcal, noted for its tasty lunches and dispensing a line of confectionery, tobaccos, cookies, bread, etc. Mr. Burcal was formerly in the advertising department of the Chicago Daily News.

Going back to Washington Street we find the grocery store of the village situated east of the post office. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kohout live here and operate the store, and have been enjoying a good business.

A Walk Around Sumava

September 14, 1933

Our walk this week carries us into the

southern end of the village, part of which is subdivided into small farmlets.

One of these small farms is the dairy of Joseph Machalek, which supplies milk to the residents of Sumava. This is a two-acre tract sitting on 26th street and Brookfield Avenue and Mr. Machalek with his wife and sons Joe and Frank live here in a modern brick house. They have nine dairy cows and a modern barn. Pasture is rented from the company and all feed is purchased. Mr. Machalek at one time operated a large farm near St. Louis, which he sold for an aviation field. He has since lived in Florida and Chicago, but is now happily settled and doing a good dairy business in Sumava.

Mr. and Mrs. John Straka live in a new frame house a block north on Cicero Avenue. Mr. Straka is retired and they have an acre of ground on which they raise a nice truck garden, largely for their own pleasure.

Going west on Cicero we come to the Wessel home situated on a one-acre tract. Mr. Wessel is a painter by trade, has a wife and two children and has a nice vegetable garden and vineyard.

Next comes the home of Joseph Slosar and wife. Slosar is a carpenter and on his one-acre tract has built himself a nice home and is enjoying life in Sumava.

Still going west on Cicero we come to a two-acre farmlet, the home of Joseph Springer. Mr. Springer is a poultry dealer.

The above are all permanent residents of Sumava and live there with their families year round. The children attend school at Lake Village and Schneider.

Going over to Berwyn Avenue we find a comparatively new family settled for the school year. Mrs. Anna Hluzek and two boys have taken up permanent residence while her husband continues his work as a school janitor in Chicago. They have a half-acre tract.

Then going north to Chicago Avenue and east to 26th Street again we find a successful poultry raiser in the person of Joesph Budovek, who lives with his wife on a half-acre of ground. He is a retired Chicago fireman and, by the way, is chief of the Sumava fire department.

Nearby is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krivanek, who have two acres with their home facing Chicago Avenue. With the help of their son Frank, they raise a fine garden and Mrs. Krivanek has a fine flower garden. Mr. Krivanek operated the Sumava cement block place.

Although the area mentioned is in the farming district of Sumava near the river, the houses and yards are pretty and well kept. Cicero Avenue is not entirely completed, but the right of way has been deeded over to Newton County and when improved, this street will extend on east to Caw Caw Camp, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphey and the hunting camp of Ned Barker veteran trapper and hunter of Newton County.

About 700 acres of unsold land in the Sumava Corporation has been designated as a wild game refuge by the conservation department of Indiana and a stock of pheasants were recently released there.

A Walk Around Sumava



Unfortunately, the locations and owners of these sites were not identified in this postcard reprinted from the Morocco Courier, 1933.

Courier Editor Interviews Ned Barker, Famous Newton County Hunter and Trapper.

Small Game and Birds are on Increase in Newton County

by Allan Augustin, reprinted from the Morocco Courier, 1933.

Pheasants, prairie chickens and quail are on the increase in Newton County, according to the statement of Ned Barker, probably one of the best authorities on this subject in the middle west.

Barker, who has spent the greater part of his life hunting and trapping in Newton and nearby counties, in an interview with the editor recently, gave his reasons for the increase in small game.

About ten years ago (1923) through the suggestion of Ned a bounty was placed on hawks. This, with the bounty on predatory animals that prey on small game has given the little animals a chance to multiply that they previously did not have.

As the predatory animals became less the small game had been slowly, but gradually increasing. Right now there are 500 prairie chickens between Lake Village and Morocco. Mr. Barker, who has hunted and trapped for four generations, still continues to kill wolves, foxes, crows, hawks, etc., but does very little hunting for small game. His time is devoted to ridding the county of destructive animals and he is frequently called out with his pack of wolf hounds to free some landowner from the raids of these night marauders. This year he has killed about 50 wolves. 25 of which were in Newton County, about fifteen foxes and many hawks and crows. Foxes and badgers, he says, are accumulating. Raccoons and opossum are more plentiful this year because many migrated north during the heavy flood waters this spring.

Once the greatest muskrat trapping grounds in the middle west, the marshland around the Kankakee still has quite a few rats.

For several years past Mr. Barker has made his summer headquarters at his camp at Sumava on the Kankakee where he raises bees and sells honey. Ned also runs bee lines in the woods, locates and captures swarms.

His dogs are there ready when he is called out to kill some bothersome wolves or hawks. These dogs are headed by Spider, a son of Perry, probably the best wolf hound that ever lived. At least Ned thinks he was and has ample evidence to prove it. Spider, like his father, weighs about 125 pounds and has all the characteristics of a good wolf killer and tracker. Old Perry who died last winter, hunted with Ned for fifteen years and it is said of him that he never saw a wolf that he did not kill.

While visiting with the editor the veteran hunter recalled a story which amused him considerably as it probably impressed the county officers at Kentland at the time. Two years ago he was on the board of review and while working daily in the courthouse he met

many farmers who informed him that hawks were bothersome. So finally when he could take a day off from his clerical labors, Ned knew right where to go to get plenty of haws and get them quick. he brought back 60 as a result of the one day's hunting, at a bounty of 50 cents each and had everybody guessing how he could make such a record in one day.

When hunting hawks Ned used a trained owl for a decoy. Unfortunately the bird was killed in an accident last winter.

Mr. Barker spends the winters with the George Zoborosky family. George Sr., and John Zoborosky, now dead, were his companions on many a hunt. He recalled an instance to me that showed the abundance of game which existed here before the lake was drained.

The Zoborosky Brothers, in about the year '83 had established a spring camp on the Gaff ranch to trap muskrats. They hired 13 men and each man ran 100 traps and took care of the skins. Barker was bookkeeper, so he remembered the figures. In one month, March 20 to April 20, they pelted 12,640 rats, in addition to several hundred mink and raccoon. The muskrat pelts brought about 16 to 20 cents each then. They were marketed with Jimmy Robinson at Morocco, who shipped them to Chicago.

Another instance of great game conquest came out in our interview and this one dated back in '79, when Barker was out shooting for Fleishmann, (of yeast fame) on the Gaff Ranch. A four hour hunt produced a double wagon box full of ducks and geese. The largest number of swans he remembered of shooting in one day was fifty.

While the great hunting, trapping and fishing days of three generations ago are gone from the county forever,

through the work of Ned Barker and other local hunters in ridding the county of destructive animals, for which more zest is provided by some county bounties offered, the present sport in hunting of small wood and prairie birds, squirrels, rabbits, etc., and it is gratifying to learn from a recognized authority on wild game life, that this game is on the increase.

Publication For Sale

The Family History Division has reprinted Mr. Barce's book in conjunction with the Benton County Historical Society in hard and soft bound editions.

Pricing and ordering information is included elsewhere in this publication.



Ned Barker, and his owl "Hoot," reprinted from "Beaver Lake, the Land of Enchantment, published by the Kentland Democrat and written by Elmore Barce in 1938.

located on the river, the old race is still conspicuous, and the timbers of these buildings were all either hewn or sawed from his own woods. Even the shingles were hand shaved and the floorings sawed at the mill from Ash logs. They were dried and were planed and matched by hand. Timber was plentiful and of excellent quality. Burr, White and Red Oaks; Walnut, Ash, Red and White Elms; Linden and other native varieties, all in abundance.

"This house and barn were for many years a prominent landmark, being located as they were on the main traveled road between Lafayette and Chicago and the intervening towns."

The sketch continues to describe the home of John Sr., as well as other business ventures with his sons, and tales of encounters with Indians.

Lyons Family Members Burial Site

"The first wife of John Lyons Sr., Anna Jones, died in 1854. She and two young daughters, (Sarah, born February 25, 1835, died September 7, 1835 and Rebecca, born August 26, 1836, died March 7, 1852,) were buried in an improvised cemetery in the S. E., S. E. of Section 29 in Iroquois Township on land now owned by William Stath, but then lying on the commons. This place of burying the dead was abandoned in a few years for the new cemetery on the north bank of the Iroquois River, now known as the Brook Cemetery. (Editor's note: markers at the Brook Cemetery, now known as Riverside, indicate that burials began in the early 1850's. This journal indicated that this may be true, as Rebecca Lyons was buried in the abandoned cemetery in 1852.)

Abandoned Cemetery



Could it be that there are Lyons family members buried alongside Thomas Montgomery? The 2000 map of Newton County indicates the Niesz Cemetery, 200 yards southeast of the Montgomery stone.

"I have been told that Mr. Lyons intended having the bodies removed to the new cemetery, but procrastination was his one great failing and it had not yet been attended to when his own life came to an abrupt ending in 1863. He and a few others knew the exact location of their graves but after his death their identity was soon lost and they are left to sleep on in their original sepulchers until the resurrection morning as no doubt they have been long since crumbled to dust from whence they came."

On July 1, 2006 a re-consecration ceremony was held at the corner of 250E and 1100S in Iroquois Township by the Iroquois-Washington Preservation Committee (IWPC) of Brook. The broken stones of William and Margaret Niesz that marked this location as their burial site, had been restored

and placed back to their original location. At the same time, just 200 yards northwest of these graves, another stone was restored that marks the grave of two-year old Thomas Montgomery, who died in 1846. At the time, several citizens believed that others were buried at the same location as Thomas, but only Thomas' stone was found. The description of the location of the abandoned cemetery where the Lyons family members were buried matches the location of the Montgomery burial. The IWPC will be looking into this discovery this summer, with hopes of marking the Lyons graves at last.

Watch upcoming issues of the Newcomer for additional stories and family history scripted by John R. Hershman that appear throughout the pages of this journal.

September 21, 1933

This week we will walk toward the river on 26th street. Going through the business district we come to the corner of 26th and Lauderdale Avenue. Here is the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz is a butcher in Chicago and his family. His son Charley and family all spend pleasant weekends at their summer home.

Then north to Clifton Park Avenue we find another summer home, that of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Skudrna. They and their two sons and families spend the weekends in Sumava even through the winter season.

We take a short jaunt up Central Park Avenue which angles off of Clifton Park to the home of Mrs. Helen Eminger who runs a tailoring shop in Chicago. Every Friday night Mrs. Eminger journeys to Sumava to remain until Sunday night at her pretty cottage. Her aged mother lives here and is a permanent resident.

Twenty-sixth Street terminates at the bridge which lead to Blue Island, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Koutny. The island is a six-acre tract formed by the new channel cutting off an elbow of the old Kankakee and is entirely surrounded by running water. The grounds are beautifully landscaped, the tall maple trees lending their virgin charm to the scene. The Koutny home is entirely modern. Mr. Koutny spends a good deal of time in his vegetable garden and vineyard which keeps the basement well supplied with canned vegetables, fruits and jellies. And now he is attempting to compete with his master, Ned Barker in raising bees.

To the right of the Island is Public Beach No. 1, where crowds gather every Sunday to enjoy bathing in the Kankakee. This beach is equipped with a bathhouse and seats and is a popular recreation ground. Sitting on the beach we see a motorboat pass up the river. Below a quarter mile a rowboat

is anchored in a cove from which several fish poles extend peacefully into the water.

West of the island and east of the Zoo of Joe Senia, which we mentioned previously, is the Sumava Open Air Theatre, which has been visited on Sundays of past years by crowds of 3,500 people. This theatre, which is idle now, perhaps on account of the depression, was built at an expense of \$12,000 three years ago. The state and dressing rooms are on an island formed by an elbow of the old river; a log cabin is the dressing room; the Kankakee wooded hills behind are the scenery. The seats were across the old river and spectators gazed on the productions presented across a ribbon of water. Seats and lighting equipment of the venture are now in storage in the village until some more propitious time makes a reopening advisable.

A Walk Around Sumava

September 28, 1933

Our walk last week brought us to the Kankakee. As the waters on which it is built is the background of every summer resort, so the Kankakee is the background of Sumava. Along the banks some of the village's most beautiful homes and the majority of residents visit it frequently to fish or swim.

Starting at the end of 26th street and crossing a steel bridge, which leads to Riverside and Sumava Drives, we come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kroupa, who were among the first settlers and built one of the first homes. They are retired people, have three married children and many grandchildren, who visit them frequently and enjoy the outdoor life of Sumava.

Going east on Sumava Drive which runs between the Kankakee and Sumava stream is the summer home of Attorney and Mrs. Frank Lexa of Chicago.

Then comes Karla, the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Victor Stribny. Mr. Stribny is an engraver on the Chicago Tribune. At their cottage they have a nicely platted flower garden.

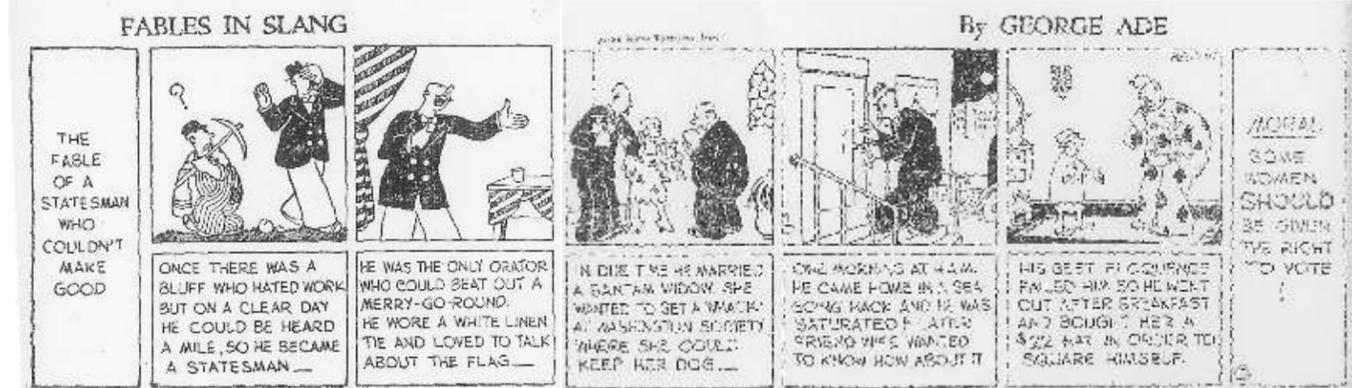
Right next to Stribny's is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mach. Mr. Mach is warehouse superintendent of the Western Electric Company in Chicago, but weekends he is an enthusiastic worker on his ground, which he has developed into a veritable beauty spot. Rock gardens, flowers, shrubbery, birdhouses and last, but not least, Hans and Gretel, slightly lawn ornaments, are all the work of his leisure hours. Both the Mach and Stribny cottages front on Sumava Stream and have steps leading down to the water for convenience in bathing.

On the east end of the drive we find the permanent home of Mrs. Antoine Hulka situated in a natural woods. Mrs. Hulka lives here with her children.

Next to this is the home of Otto Zednik who enjoys the deep woods of this part of town and uses it in his artwork. Mr. Zednik is a painter, violinmaker, watchmaker, boat builder and has several other accomplishments to his credit.

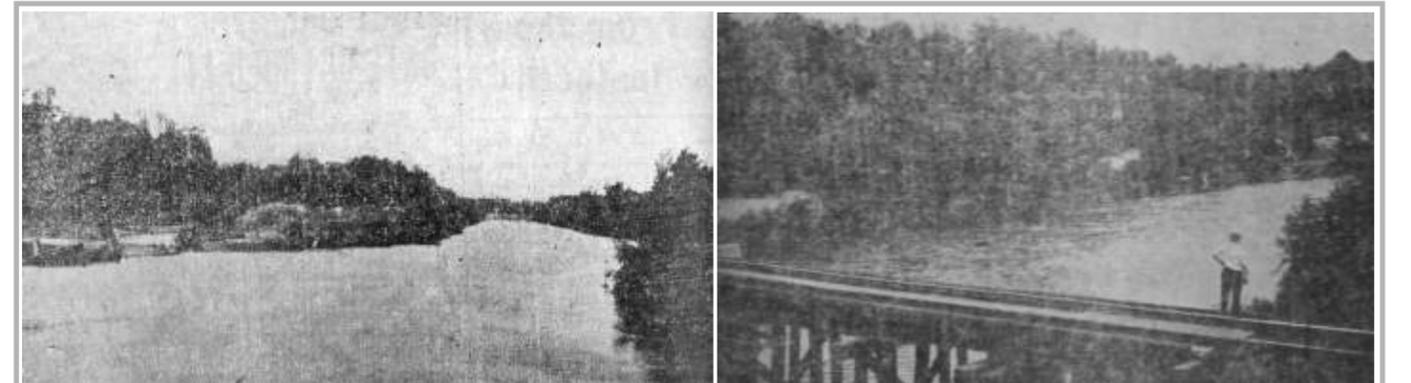
Passing public bathing beach No. 3 we turn back west along Riverside Drive, which is a good county road built of stone. We stop at the summer home of attorney and Mrs. Anthony S. Holub for here indeed is a fine home in beautiful surroundings, although as yet uncompleted. The house is Old English style, the main living room inside being surrounded by balcony. The home is modern in every aspect. Fronting on the Kankakee the grounds are being landscaped down to the river and lawn swings and chairs make a comfortable resting place from which to view the river scene.

Next to the Holub home is a new oriental bungalow in process of construction. It is being built of tile and promises to be a



Fables In Slang Appears As Strip In 1931 Morocco Courier

Not every week, but very often Ade's Fables in Slang were depicted through a comic strip. How and when these came about is not known. Do you know? Let us know! - submitted by Beth Bassett



The natural beauty of the Kankakee River is the background of Sumava Forest Resorts. Reprinted from the Morocco Courier, 1933.

home of rare beauty. The owner is Mr. Skubie, one of the owners of the Atlantic Printing Company of Chicago, and we predict that he will find the quiet of Kankakee woods very restful and soothing to one who has followed the art of Franklin.

Next is the plain but commodious clubhouse owned by 16 Chicago boys and called the A. C. Club. Many of the members are there a large part of the time.

Passing public beach No. 2 we come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Redlich. The Redlichs who own three flats at Berwyn, enjoy their Sumava home with frequent visits from their married sons and families. With the coming of autumn their visits to their Sumava home do not cease, but they come weekends even during the winter.

We are now back in sight of Blue Island and public beach No. 1. After our walk today, we decide that a casual drive through the village will not reveal all of its improvements and dwellings. Towering trees, foliage and shrubbery conceal many places and lend no little charm to the vista's which greet the eyes of the nature lover taking a leisurely walk.

A Walk Around Sumava
October 19, 1933

Again we resume our walk in the village of Sumava and find ourselves back on Washington Street, which runs east from U. S. 41 along the business district and walking east we come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skach. Mr. Skach runs a bakery in Berwyn, but spends all the time he has available in his Sumava home with his family.

Next we come to the summer cottage of Mrs. Katha Hajek, who enjoys the company of her friends and one of her daughters being a professional dancer.

Further on, the permanent home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kounty is surrounded by pretty flowerbeds and the backyard would indicate that he enjoys gardening. He is a retired baker, of which there are several in Sumava.

Coming to the eastern extremity of Washington Avenue we turn north on Birch Avenue where we find the Hanzel family, Mrs. Annetoinette Peters, Mr. Chott and the interesting home of Mr. and Mrs. James Friedlander, the well known butcher of the village.

We then turn west again on Lawndale Avenue, which runs parallel with Washington. It is a well-wooded street and has been selected by many summer residents

home of Mr. Lindy, who has local fame as a baseball pitcher. Then comes the Sruitek home; then the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vesel and their two sons. In this block lives Mrs. Antonie Balaty with her grandchild and this lady has been a resident of Sumava since its early existence six years go. At the end of the block is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karaf (another retired baker.)

Crossing Elm Street in the next block we find the George Zdarski, Bohumic Mocek and Charles Schwartz homes. Mr. Mocek runs a grocery store in Chicago and finds Sumava great recreation after selling goods over the counter all week.

A Walk Around Sumava
October 26, 1933

Autumn hues tint the trees, the snap of fall is in the air. The river a few weeks since filled with bathers, carries a colder murmur in its west bound current and only a stray fisherman's boat disturbs the even flow of its waters.

Only a few stragglers remain at most Indiana summer resorts, but here at Sumava the year round residents stay on and the week ends still enjoy the quiet of their homes in the forest resort.

Walking in on 26th Street, we run east on Clifton Park Avenue. In the first block we come to the homes of Mrs. Frank Kirkava, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheffel and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Otis. Here too is the fine brick house of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holub.

In the next block we find the Wilbur Lumber Company house, the sightly Joseph Mensik home, the Frank Pflieger and Charles Fencel cottages. Across on the south side of the street lives the

family of James and Charles Vesely. Frank Pflieger is a building contractor in Cicero and spends many a pleasant day at his Sumava home. Near the end of the block is the Villa Libbushka, named after the lost sweetheart of Joseph Voldrich.

Coming to Maple Street we are facing the John Kramer home on the corner across



Top photo: another view of the natural beauty of the Kankakee at Sumava Forest Resorts; bottom, a boat landing on the Kankakee at Sumava. Reprinted from the Morocco Courier, 1933.

because of its fine shady groves.

Here we find the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Steininger, Mrs. Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cermak. Cermak is a poultry dealer and has his place of business in Lake Village. The Steiningers are permanent year round residents.

Crossing Maple Street we come to the

father the S. E. forty. Later, William sold his acreage and several years later John R. bought the S. E. forty of his parents. Over the generations this family would retain and increase this acreage.

I include the above information for reference to the next item from the journal published here. It is a sketch of John Lyons Sr., who was the father of Anna Elizabeth, the wife of John R. This sketch not only outlines the life and family of John Lyons, details to be published in a later issue - but also provides the current generations of these families a more exact location of the log cabin always believed to be the first school and church in this part of Newton County. It also revealed the location of the burials of three members of the Lyons family.

Sketch of John Lyons, Sr.

John Lyons Sr. was born in Ross County, Ohio on October 23, 1806 and was united in marriage to Anna Jones on May 5, 1829. His oldest son Morris was born the following year, and sometime thereafter he moved to Indiana. First locating in what was territory in Benton County near the State line on the west. After being on the losing end of a dispute over a claim on a tract of land with another man, he loaded up his goods and moved north to the Iroquois River, locating in Washington Township. His second son Aaron was born on February 5, 1832.

Although not noted here, Aaron was the first white child born in Newton County.

"He then bought claims of Philip Earl and Joseph Smith on Sections 20 and 29 of Iroquois Township onto which he moved and erected a double log cabin with a hallway between about six feet in width. This cabin stood in the east edge of the then heavy timber, on the north branch of the Lyons branch, now called "Barten's Ditch" and on the west side of the C. & E. I. Railroad on land now owned by the writer and Ray E. Hershman, a grandson of this sketch. In this cabin, the other children of his first marriage (Anna Jones) were born.

"In the winter seasons one room of this cabin was given up for school purposes as there were no public school houses in the territory at that time. The traveling preacher made his house a stopping place and also a place for religious services.

"It is not known how many terms of school were taught in the cabin but Joseph Smith, grandfather of John Bennet Lyons of Brook, and a man who lived to be near a century old, taught a school there in the winter of 1849.

"The next year Lyons built a log schoolhouse and furnished it with a stove, at his own expense. This was probably the first schoolhouse in the territory of Newton County. Almost certain that was the first built

within the lines of the four south townships. Young men came to it from the vicinity of the present town of Goodland and from the neighborhood five or six miles down the river.

"Church services were now transferred to the schoolhouse. This schoolhouse he built-about sixty rods south (990 feet) of his home near a north and south road that connected the Montgomery (now Howard Griggs) Settlement with one on the north. The old sunken road is still traceable across the woods pasture lot, south of the present farm house.

"The site of the old schoolhouse grounds are still visible and can be readily located by bits of limestone, mortar, brickbats and the old well where there is quite a depression, originally probably ten or twelve feet deep and curbed with planks.

"In 1853 the township was organized and he was paid \$50.00 for the house including the stove and it was moved nearer to the south neighborhood and a frame house built in the village of Brook.

"About 1850 he erected a new frame house on the eastside of the present R. R. and south side of the highway on land now owned by his grandson John X. Lyons.

"And shortly after he built a large barn, or it was so considered in that day. He had been instrumental in getting a sawmill

A Closer Look at Area Described By John R. Hershman



Iroquois Township Plat, Reprinted from the Standard Atlas of Newton County, 1916

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Compare Section 20 and 29 on these two maps. Can you see the "old road" that crossed the pasture in the 1876 map, and then see the new road, and current road (175E). The schoolhouse shown is the Griggs School.



Iroquois Township Plat, Reprinted from the Map of Newton County, Indiana Atlas, 1876

John R. Hershman's 1920 Journal Discovered by Great Grandson Reveals Local and Family History

by Beth Bassett

Joel Hershman of Brook recently discovered an old ledger in a desk drawer containing over 140 pages of handwritten history of his family and the Brook area. Written in 1920 by John R. Hershman with the intention of giving his descendents a sketch of their family history, and the times in which they lived. John R. was Joel's great-grandfather, a local businessman, landowner and historian of the area.

Joel had a pretty good idea as to his lineage, but questions arose to the location of some of the buildings and sites referred to throughout the journal. He shared the original document with me in hopes that I could help answer some of his questions. Much to my delight, this record validated many known historical facts, but more importantly has revealed lost history.

A brief family history will be included in these excerpts, with a complete compilation in the next issue. This is but a sampling of the many stories told throughout the pages, and future publications, including *The Newcomer*, will carry the tales.

The opening page reads: "Property of Richard Ray Herrshman, written and given to him by his grandfather, John Robert Hershman." Joel believes that his father was to continue with the family history, and did to some extent.

Family Record – Written

By John R. Hershman

"For the future information of my children and grandchildren I am in the year A. D. 1920 endeavoring to write a record of my family on both the paternal and maternal sides so far as is known or is necessary to show relationship, dates of births, marriages, etc.

"My understanding is that my great grandfather Hershman (Jacob) came to the United States from Dresden, Germany sometime near the middle of the 18th Century and settled in the State of Virginia afterward moving to Ohio settling near Zanesville. My father (Jacob) could remember him as a very old man having lost his sight some years before he died, but lived to be over one hundred years old.

"My grandfather, whose name was Jacob was the third son of this family. His elder brothers being John and Philip. Grandfather married a woman of English descent whose maiden name was Sarah Cartwell. A large family was the result of this

union. Born in the order as follows: Ann, John, George, Jacob, Philip, Hannah, Sarah, Harrison, Isaac and Mary.

"My father (Jacob) was born near Zanesville, Ohio, July 22, 1821, came with his father's family at the age of 15 to Hamilton County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood near the village of Boxley. Was married February 29, 1844 to Mary Edmondson and located in Benton County, where two sons were born, namely, George W. and John R.

"He moved to White County about 1850 where William H. was born, then Nancy Jane, Francis M. and twins Sarah and Solinda.

"John R. was married September 13, 1871 to Anna E. Lyons, daughter of John and Anna Lyons. There was born to this union two sons, Ray Ellsworth and Lloyd Lyons Hershman at the old farm house one mile south and one and three fourth miles east of Brook.

"Ray E. was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Bessie" Rosamond Saylor, and to this union was born John E., Helen R., Harold S., Margaret A., William R., and Richard Ray."

Richard Ray was born on April 22, 1919, making him one year of age at the time of the writing of this journal, is Joel Hershman's father.

Lloyd married Effie Rolls and two daughters were born, Gladys and Naomi, both of whom were born at the old farmhouse southeast of Brook.

Hershman Land Holdings

Jacob and Mary initially lived with her brothers and rented a large farm on the banks of Pine Creek in Benton County, then known as the Baker Guess farm, later the Carey Eastburn farm. They remained here for two-three years, and moved to a rental house on a part of what was then known as the old G. D. Wiggins farm. Here in a cabin located near a bubbling spring about 20 rods (330 feet) south of what is now a highway running east and west between Mt. Gilboa and Denton's Grove, and about midway of the two places is where John R. was born on November 23, 1848.

In 1850, the family moved to White County, and farmed part of Dr. Halstead's farm in West Point Township. Unable to secure the land patent for this ground, Jacob purchased 40 acres of prairie land one mile



John R. Hershman, reprinted from Jasper and Newton Counties, 1916.



Anna E. (Lyons) Hershman reprinted from Jasper and Newton Counties, 1916.

west of Seafield and two miles east of Wolcott and built a log cabin. They continued to live here until the spring of 1868 when they moved into the old John Lyons farm, southeast of Brook in Newton County.

In 1869, this farm was sold to John O'Reilly, and Jacob farmed for three years, two miles west of Brook in Washington Township. He then bought 160 acres of prairie land in N. E. of Section 28 in Iroquois Township. Of this tract of land John R. took the west half, William the N. E. forty and his

the street. On this side is the home of four celebrated Chicago cooks, the Roborka sisters, who manage to spend part of their time here. Then comes the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ruzicka and then that of the popular doctor Ablaza, where the mother of Mrs. Ablaza, Mrs. Rejhon, and son known locally as Big Jerry reside. The last home in this block is that of Butcher Starman.

Going north a narrow block and then east on Central Park Avenue we come to the home of Mrs. Anna Plachy, the Sumava mail carrier. the only other permanent house on this street is the home of Joseph Jahelka and family. Mr. Jahelka's son is a teacher of gymnastics in Morton High School, Cicero, and he comes by his calling naturally as his father was a wrestling teacher in Chicago, where he formerly owned his own gymnasium.

Our series of walks have now carried us through the entire village and brought us in contact with all of the regular summer dwellers owning homes. But his does not include all of the people owning lots and spending weekends in the popular Indiana resort. Hundreds of Chicago people motor over, even late into the fall, enjoy their picnic dinner on their own lot, or maybe pitch a tent for a weekend camping party. Most of these people have purchased lots with the intentions of building when means were at hand.

The corporation which promoted this great venture in the Kankakee woods and which still owns hundreds of lots and many acres of land, like every business concern, hard hit by economic conditions the last few years. Public improvements previously planned have been curtailed and they have been carrying on as well as able with a depleted bank account.

The advent of prosperity would mean a speedy building up of the young village, both in public and private improvements.

Our general impressions of the village are perhaps unique but interesting. To us it seems that going to Sumava is like stepping into another atmosphere – an atmosphere of leisure, of rest, of play; into a new age not connected with the whirl of business, the intrigue of politics, is a substantial village, yet apart and well connected with the orthodox Indiana town.

Thus we leave Sumava nestled cozily away for the winter, with the bathing beaches deserted, but already improved and prepared for next year's gay crowds. We leave it in a splendor of autumn colors.

Newton County Historical Publications/Post Cards Available

□ Postcards of Newton County

Series includes 7 different views of the current and past Courthouse, one view of Bogus Island. \$1.00 each or the entire set \$8.00 plus tax.

□ "An Archaeological Report On Newton County"

- Soft cover only \$5.00 plus tax.

Written by Joseph E. Hiestand in 1951, and published originally by the Indiana Historical Bureau. There are more than 45 Indian villages and 51 campsites identified and described in this reprint of the original publication.

□ "Beaver Lake, The Land of Enchantment" - Hard cover \$20.00, soft cover \$10.00 plus tax.

Written by Elmore Barce in 1938 after his visit with Alexander Lanier Barker near his cabin, east of Sumava Resorts, and listened to his inimitable tales of Beaver Lake and it's surrounding area. Barce felt that after a life of seventy-six years, "Ned" Barker, the stories and traditions that came from this visit were worthy of publication.

□ The Morocco Sesquicentennial Historical Collection - \$60.00 plus tax.

Over 400 pages, 200 photographs and 13,000 family names are included in this one-of-a-kind publication, compiled by Gerald Born and Beth Bassett in 2002. Articles written by local historians Gerald Born, Clay Blaney and Donna LaCosse, featuring the earliest settlers, businesses, community organizations, churches, friends and neighbors, are complimented with photographs from that era. Family histories, Beaver Lake, Bogus Island, Sam Rice, Jennie Conrad, The Gaff Ranch, the "Wildcat" Bank of North America, Indian Chiefs Turkey Foot and Bull, are just a few of the people, places and things that make up the heritage of Beaver Township and the Town of Morocco.

□ The Newton County Historical Coloring Book - \$5.00 plus tax

Line drawings suitable for coloring with captions using Newton County Landmarks drawn by local artists and a must for anyone interested in Newton County History. Suitable for youngsters and adults alike, this unique view of the county is informative, educational and a delight to view.

□ "Ralph, The Story of Bogus Island" - \$5.00 plus tax

Originally written by Jethro Hatch as a serial for the Newton County Enterprise, this romantic tale of old Beaver Lake country and the island that stood in its midst captures the essence of the era when the banditti made the island their home. Interwoven is a tale of a boy who was orphaned, raised by a family who lived near the lake, searches for the truth about who he is and where he originated, meets a girl, falls in love and the resulting adventures of his quest.

□ Morocco Centennial Days (Only in Compact Disc) - \$20.00 plus tax.

The Morocco Sesquicentennial Celebration has prompted a look backward to the events of the Morocco Centennial of fifty years ago. Photographs of the pageant and parade are featured with documents relating to the events which have been offered to the Society for its use. These, along with the Centennial booklet written by Ruth Corbin have been combined to form a unique view of those events of long ago.

□ "The Newcomer" (Limited copies available) One Year Group - \$10.00 or \$2.25 each, plus tax.

The official newsletter of the Newton County Historical Society began in April of 1994. Initially published quarterly through 1996, and then published once again in the winter of 1999, it continues today as a link to Society members.

To order any of these publications, please send check or money order payable to the Newton County Historical Society to P.O. Box 303, Kentland, IN 47951. Please include \$3.00 postage and handling for each publication ordered, and 6% tax for Indiana customers. The Resource Center located at 310 E. Seymour Street, Kentland, Indiana is open on Monday afternoon 1-5, and Friday, 11:00 - 3:00 CST, or contact County Historian Donna LaCosse at 219-285-2861 to place an order for your books. All proceeds utilized for future publications.

Newton County Courthouse Cornerstone Contents

Submitted by Beth Bassett

With the celebration of 100 years of the Newton County Courthouse in August, 2006, the opening of the cornerstone was held as quietly as it was placed. The contents were on display at the November open house held at the courthouse. This news note was found in the copy of the *Newton County Enterprise* found within the cornerstone's box:

"The corner stone of the new court house was laid this morning at 9 o'clock, without public ceremony. Within the stone was placed a history of the organization of Newton County written by John Ade, a list of the present county officers and officers of the Town of Kentland, a history of the organization of the first courts of the county by John Higgins, a history of the town of Kentland by G. W. McCray, and the original copy of the proceedings held for the incorporation of Kentland, signed by J. A. Hatch as Secretary. The box also contained a copy of the various newspapers published in the county."

On March 23, 2007, a new box of memorabilia was placed in the cornerstone containing several items, including the local newspapers, Historical Society information, local business cards, and items from local officials and county offices. It is hoped that this article will be read by those who open the cornerstone at the 200 year celebration, and utilize it as a resource to the first cornerstone's contents.

Newspapers

The Goodland Herald, Goodland, Newton Co., Indiana, May 20, 1905; Volume 27, No. 35; "Largest Paper in Newton County"; Actual Circulation Weekly 1,500; \$1.50 per Year, in Advance. Kitt & Shepard, Publishers. Published every Saturday and entered at the Goodland Post Office to second class mail matter. Stamped name of subscriber John Ade 18 May 01 A total of eight pages.

Highlights of the Front Page

"G. R. W. Field Day Meet, Goodland Wins the Pennant Making 61 Points. Remington, 50; Kentland, 20 1-2; Wolcott, 14 1-2.

"Clix-te, Clax-te, clax-te, clax

Rip-to rah, te-rah, te-rah,

Boom-te zeen, te-zeen, te-zeen,

Goodland's the best that's ever been seen.

"This was the triumphant yell of the High School after the annual meet at Remington last Saturday. First places were awarded to: Clarence Mitten, mile run, time

Opening the cornerstone revealed a metal box containing many items, including business cards of local businesses, meeting notes of societies, copies of the newspapers in the county at the time, all still remaining in good condition. There were two coins, one an Indiana Head Penny, the other not known.

Top two photos show the opening, center location of the metal box before and after removal. The box had rusted, allowing water and air inside. The items were on display in the Commissioner's office, and are now held at the Resource Center of the Historical Society.



5:21, also ½ mile run, 5.20.5; John Conway, 50 yd. Dash, time 5.4; James Cassidy, discus throw, distance 99.6 ft. The running high jump was closely contested by Will Babcock and Floyd Patton, of Goodland, and Bartoo of Remington. It resulted in a tie for Babcock and Bartoo, height 5'5", while Patton took second, 5'4". The most closely contested event was the hurdle race, in which Babcock and Hitchcock of Remington tied for first place, Bruce Wilson came in second.

"**No Station at Lake Village.** It seems that the people of Lake Village are up in arms over the new railroad to be built through that place, because they cannot induce the company to locate a station there. It is said the station is to be located on Mrs. Conrad's farm



two miles south of the village, Mrs. Conrad donating the right of way through her large tract of land as an inducement to cut out Lake Village. As an inducement to have a station at the town the citizens have agreed to vote a tax of one percent on the hundred dollars valuation, amounting to something like \$3,000, but the company has ignored the offer as well as the large petition already sent

in by the village people.

"**A Good Law.** Here is a good law passed by the last legislature: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation to manufacture, sell or expose for sale or give away as a prize or award any toy pistols or other device for the purpose of exploding caps or wafers containing fulminan or other explosive compounds

"**New Town in Benton County:** ½ mile east of Dunnington. Twenty acres plotted, the town's name will be St. Williams; Decoration Day Program and Decoration Day Sentiments: Remember that May 30 is Decoration Day. Remember also that it is a day in which we should give ourselves to consideration of the causes back of

Decoration Day; Vaccination Stops Smallpox: Although the town seems to be well rid of smallpox, the eldest son of George Fox, Charles, living four miles southwest of Goodland was down with the disease. Vaccination, and that alone no doubt saved this community from an epidemic; Condition of Stone Roads: John Weise says that the stone roads from Grant Township line to



"Route No. 2, Beginning at the post office and thence south and east to the limits of the town, thence south to the Seal corner 1 mile, east to Cassidy corner 3 miles, north to Bowers corner 4 miles, east to Shepard corner 1.5 miles, north to Staton corner 1 mile, west to Knouff corner 1.25 miles, north to Will Ade residence and retrace to Knouff corner 1.50 miles, west to Martin corner, 2.5 miles, southwest by angling way and to the rock road and to the Hatch corner 2.3/8 miles, west to the Williams corner 2 miles, south to the Morrison corner 1 ¾ miles, east to the limits of the town and to the post office. The examination for the county will be held in Kentland Saturday, June 3rd, 9:30 a.m."

Other News Items

"**C.C. Kent Resigns - H. O Perry Appointed to Succeed Him as a Member of the School Board:** "C. C. Kent tendered his resignation as a member of the school board to the town council last Friday evening and the same was accepted. Inasmuch as it is his intention to be away from Kentland more or less, Mr. Kent felt that he was unable to give the necessary time and attention that a place on the school board merited, and for that reason resigned; Lincoln at Gettysburg: reprint of the Gettysburg Address; News of the County in Brief, included Morocco, Mt. Ayr, Roselawn, Raub and Vicinity.

Advertisers: Blue Front Drug Store, R. C. McCain Proprietor; Drake Bros. & Co., Groceries and Provisions; Hardware, Appliances and tin roof material available at Dodson's; T. L. Davis of Brook representing the Portage Plains Land Company with lands for sale in South Dakota; Richardson's Rugs were available at F. M. Oswalt and Company, Kentland; Summer Suits available at J. W. Ryan and Co.

The Kentland Democrat; Vol. XIX; Kentland, Newton County, Indiana, Friday, May 26, 1905; No. 21. Subscriber's name: John Ade stamped on front. Ed Steinbach, Proprietor; Entered in the post office at Kentland, Newton Co., Ind, a second-class matter. Subscription rates: One year, \$1.50,

six months, 75 cents, three months, 40 cents. Local notices, 5 cents per line each insertion, business cards, \$5 per year. Reasonable rates for display advertising, Liberal discount for yearly contracts. Eight pages.

Highlights of Front Page

This publication didn't have any "big headlines" as others at the time, it basically carried local news items of the area, Circuit

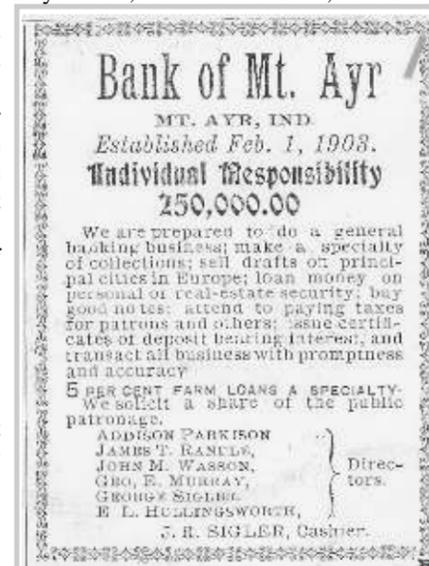


Court Records, Baseball Notes, and reports of the Kentland Pubic School Field Meet.

Other News Items

National and State news occupied six of the total pages, with front and back being those that held local interest notes.

Advertisers: Braden Bros., Kentland, Dry Goods, Cloaks and Shoes; Free Dinner



Advertising example reprinted from The Brook Reporter, 1905, found in the Courthouse cornerstone.

Sets were be given away at Frank Ross's "The Clean Grocery" with every 10 cent purchase; C. A. Rinard would fit anyone with glasses, Jeweler and Opticals, Kentland, Indiana; Krull's Home Bakery offered fresh

bread, cakes and pies every day.

The Brook Reporter, Volume XL; Brook, Newton County, Indiana, Friday May 26, 1905, Number 8. Subscriber's name stamped on front: John Ade. O. B. Stonehill, Editor and Publisher. Entered at the Post office at Brook, Ind. Second class mail matter. Terms of subscriptions: One year, \$1.00, Six months \$.50, eight pages.

Front Page Highlights

Advertising was placed on five of the six columns of the front page, with a column of local news regarding a local wedding and plans for the Harvest Festival. Those advertisers were D. Hess, their ad stating they were too busy to write an ad this week; The American Land and Loan Company,

who owned and controlled 47,000 acres were offering land for sale in the Red River Valley of Manitoba, the "Nile of America", for \$16.00 to \$35.00 per acre;

Chas. C. Conn offered family portraits by light of day or by electric flash light in the Williams Studio; A. Leopold and Son, had a special Saturday sale; M. C. Ulrey offered furniture, and announced the arrival of their new catalogue.

Inside News Items: local news, church announcements and much more advertising. General and personal news were published on the back, with more advertising!

National Newspapers included the *Chicago Daily Journal* and the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, with a political cartoon on its front page by McCutcheon.

About These Newspapers

We have reproduced the mastheads (name of paper on the front page) from each of the publications found. Upon examination, these would have been printed on a flatbed press. The newsprint came in large sheets, 60"x44", and hand fed into the bed of the press, over the "chases" that held the hand set type, the bed would then shift from left to right under a huge ink roller that passed over the paper creating the images on the paper, the paper would then be lifted by a windmill type wheel to a folder, and cutter, then would be taken off by hand to dry. The copies held in the box were not cut, perhaps they were "hot off the press." It is possible that locals manually cut the copies of the papers. Each publication had eight pages. - Beth Bassett

has been given by the school. The decorations for the above occasion were very simple and artistically arranged. The class colors were green and white.

"The ushers were from the High School, Messrs Earl Kessler and Carl Templeton and Misses Ada Ewan and Alma Martin.

"There was a pleasing program given Friday for the graduating class of the grade school. They were 25 in number from two rooms, those of Mr. Jesse Hunter and Prof. J. P. King. Their names are as follows: Roy Roadruck, Livian Smart, Ben Thomas, Fannie Smart, Elmer Padgett, Amy Purkey, Louis Hunter, Owen Martin, Grover Purkey, Robert Kalfise, Nettie Hix, Ralph Harwood, Cecil Deardurff, Katie Broadrick, Albert Buser, Lawson Archibald, Willie Dowling, Cecil Moore, Nellie Duclos, Edith Richardson, Hazel Kennedy, Maggie Best, Myron Hope, George Clarkson, Earl Triplett."

Other News Items

The Local Drift – line items depicting social life in the town and surrounding area; Musical: there will be a musical at the Opera House on Decoration night, admission 15, 25 and 35c.

Concerning Lake Village – Item in the *Kankakee Review* – "I have seen in the Goodland paper where Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad had Lake Village smothered out in the Republican paper where Lake Village is soon to be a thing of the past, where all who have energy enough will go to her town and the rest will die as they stand, lop or lean. Now I wish to have a word to say in behalf of Lake Village. I will assure you there is no one in Lake Village who will move to Conrad's vast estate, and I don't think there is five in the township that will. It will be the same distance to Roselawn as heretofore for the merchants of Lake Village to haul their goods should the Indiana Harbor R. R. refuse to give Lake Village a station. But the people of that company are good, level headed people: they are looking out for their own interests in the future. If Mrs. Conrad builds a town it will only add empty houses to the ones she already has. The people of Lake Village are here to stay. There is not a house in town but what is rented and people are living in tents and are alive." – An Old Timer – L. I. Malone.

Advertising

Front page: Notice: We the undersigned merchants of Morocco have purchased the Merchants Cigar Co., Rensselaer, the two leading brands of cigars,

The Merchant Cigar and Perfection Cigar, hand made 5 cent cigars. For sale by Hope & Son, Sinks & Son, Patsey Wall, C. I. Purkey & Son, A. B. Jenkins; Cassell Bros. Longhorn cheese fills that long felt want you've had – better try it – its good; Jack for Sale, a good heavy boned three year old black Jack. A good note taken as part payment. Apply or write to George Cheatle, Momence, IL. Inside display ads: Marion E. Whitaker, painter and paper hanger, Morocco, Indiana; New Meat Market, Robertson and Smart Prop., Morocco; W. D. Lewis, Morocco's Dentist.

The Newton County Enterprise, Subscription Price \$1.50; Kentland, Indiana; Thursday, June 1, 1905; Volume XXXX. No. 22. Strohm & Dodson, Publishers, H. A. Strohm, Editor; Published every Thursday at Kentland, Ind. Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Post office at Kentland, Indiana. Eight pages.

Highlights of Front Page

New Town Located – Will Be



Celebrated June 5th by Public Picnic – To be in Lake Township and Named in Honor of its Founder, Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad.

"Roselawn, Indiana . May 31, 1905. Next Monday, June 5th, Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad, the well-known mistress of Oak Dene Farm, will celebrate her birthday by a basket picnic in the beautiful grove just east of her home in Lake Township, and on the site of the new station to be located by the Indiana Harbor Railroad. The Brook Band will be in attendance and make the grove resound with the melody of sweet music, and everybody is invited to attend, have a good time, and see a new town put on the map.

"The picnic will be in celebration of Mrs. Conrad's birthday, and also on account of the location of a station in the grove where the picnic will be held. The Railroad Company has contracted to locate on these grounds a passenger and freight depot, with telegraph and express offices, water tank and stock pens, and maintain the same.

"Mrs. Conrad will erect commodious two room, two story building, with office rooms in second story; she will also build a commodious church; a livery barn, blacksmith shop, barber shop, and a dozen or more cottages, and a modern 20 room hotel,

and the trustee will erect a large school building in the new village. The town will be laid out around a public park, donated by Mrs. Conrad. Mrs. Conrad is highly elated on account of the building of the new railroad through the center of the township, and through her ranch, and especially so on account of the station, to be named Conrad, on her lands."

"New Rural Routes – From Kentland, Brook, Morocco and Roselawn to Start Aug. 1. Four new rural routes will be established in the county August 1st. An additional one will go out from the place veering an area of twenty-two square miles and serving a population of 625; one from Brook covering an area of 22 square miles serving a population of 475; one from Morocco covering an area of 24 square miles and serving a population of 455; and one from Roselawn covering an area of 24 square miles and serving a population of 475. This will give the county twelve routes in all, and as near complete rural service as the

government would be justified in establishing at this time.

"It is doubtful if the distribution of the service is satisfactory, but is probably as good as could be expected after the uncompromising attitude of Inspector Murphy, and his recommendations that no more routes be installed. This office is not in possession of the routes as designed, except at the Kentland office which are as follows: "Route No. 1, as amended. Beginning at the Kentland post office, thence north and east to the limits of said town one-half mile, thence east to Wildasin's corner 4.5 miles, thence north to Egan corner, 1.5 miles, west to Bowers corner, 2.5 miles, south to the school house and retrace to Bowers corner, 1.5 miles, north to Strole corner, 1 mile, west to Shilt corner, 1 mile, north to White corner, 1 mile, west to Martin corner, ¾ mile, north to the residence of H. Sell and retrace to the Roberts corner 2 miles, west to Strausser corner, ¾ mile, north to Doty corner ¾ mile, west to Buswell corner 2 miles, south to Clark corner 1.25 miles, east to the County Farm 1 mile, southeast to Williams corner 1 mile, north to Strohm corner, 2.25 miles, thence east and south to the limits of the town and to the post office.

Brook, in Iroquois, are worse than a corduroy bridge; Can't Spit on Brook's Sidewalks: The town board of Brook passed an anti-spitting ordinance. If Chicago can enforce such an ordinance, and it does, it would seem that it would be an easy matter to compel its observance in a country town."

Advertising

F. Foresman with The American Land and Loan Company, 14 Nanton Bl'k, Winnipeg, Man, offered Beautiful red River Valley Lands in the Winnipeg District of the Red River of Manitoba, Canada. \$2.50 to \$35.00 per acre. "The Bread Basket of the World."

Kless W. Dexter, Cement Work, Goodland, Indiana; Buggies! Buggies! Buggies! J. R. McCarty and Son, Goodland; Money Saved in a Tailor Shop – J. B. Weickert, Goodland; Theo A. Points, Contractor and Builder, Goodland, Indiana; S. E. McCurry and Company, Furniture, Undertaking and Musical Instruments, and much more!

"Its in the details that clothes quality shows – Z. F. Little Co., Goodland, Indiana.

At Harrington's Livery Barn you could find the Percheron Stallion Choctaw, Beauty McGregor, a registered by the American Trotting Reg., a Blood Bay, no white, Black points, 16 hands; at Schlater's Hitch Barn in Goodland you could find the German Coach Stallion, Edelknabe, 7702, a Percheron Stallion.

Hardware, Agents for McCormick Binders, Burgess and Jakway, Goodland; Rich Bros., Dealers in Grains of all Kinds, The Goodland Elevator, Goodland, IN; Bargains you can't afford to miss – we offer a few small lots of mens, ladies and childrens shoes at reduced prices – S. Stein, Goodland; Colorborn Lumber Co., Goodland, IN; Ray Ward, General Blacksmithing, The Old Herath Stand, Goodland, IN; A. Carrick New Stand, Goodland; Hay Rakes and Self Dumps – Madison James, Agent, Goodland.

Other News Items

World and state news and comments were featured on the inside four pages of this edition, along with the advertisements for Carter's Little Liver Pills, Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, Fletcher's Castoria for Infants and Children, and

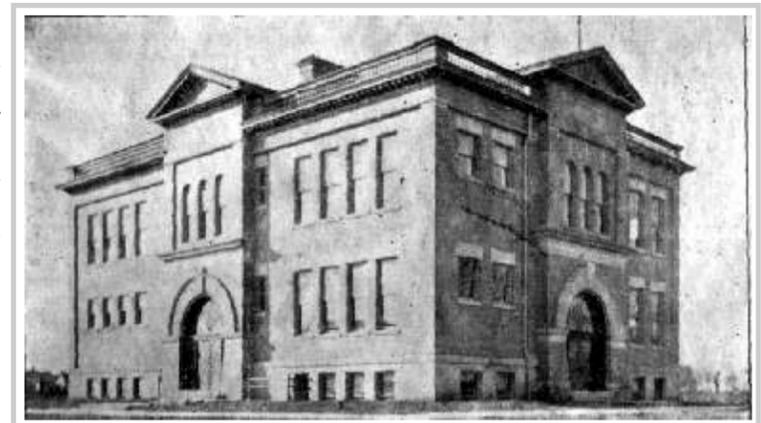
Dyspepsi Cured with Pusheck's Kuro, an entire medicine chest: Sloan's Liniment, quickly relieves pains and aches, kills germs – for man or beast!

The Morocco Courier, "Independent in Politics – Devoted to Best Interest of Newton County." Volume XXVIII (28), Morocco, Newton County, Ind., Friday, May 26, 1905, No. 16. Stamped with subscriber's name, John Ade, Aug 03, inscribed with "put



in by William Dowling, Kentland, June 1, 1905, a Morocco boy by birth, the father of Mike Dowling." Issued every Friday, J. J. Bartoo, Editor. Terms: \$1.50 per year. Entered as second-class matter February 4th, 1904, at the post office of Morocco, Ind. Under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Advertising Rates: Reading notices 5 cents per line, per insertion; Obituaries 5 cents per line; cards of thanks, 10 lines and under 50 cents; locals (when accepted) for first page will be charged at 10 cents per line; Display ads. One issue 10 cents per inch, per insertion; Display advs time contracts 7



The Morocco Public School building. Reprinted from the front page of the 1905 edition of the Morocco Courier.

cents per inch per insertion; Rates based on single column measure, double and triple column advs, at double and triple the above rates. No display advs taken for first page. Foreign advertisers must pay above rates or stay out. (Editor's note: I was quite surprised to see that there were charges for the local news items for the front page and for obituaries. This may explain why there were very few local notes obituaries found in the

issues of these years, much to the genealogist's dismay!)

Highlights of Front Page

High School Commencement – Class of Three Completes First Four Year Course of Study

"When we compare the educational work of the town of Morocco with its course of but a few years ago, we see that it has advanced wonderfully. The number of

students now enrolled exceed three hundred. The stand of the work is very high, having been made so, by requiring every student to do well the work assigned to his grade before passing on to the next higher.

"The High School department has been thoroughly organized and equipped with laboratories for the science work. All of this has been accomplished during the past three years. The following has been the course of study for this department: First or Freshman year: Algebra, American Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Latin, Zoology; Second, or Sophomore year: Algebra, American Authors, Rhetoric and Composition, Latin Caesar, English History; Third or Junior year: Mathematics, English Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Latin-Cicero, Medieval and Modern History; Fourth or Senior year: Geometry, English, Authors, Composition, Latin-Virgil, Physics.

"The first young people to complete four year's course of study in the High School are Sarah Margaret Kessler, Bertha Blanche Padgett, and Jesse Andrew Carpenter. These students are to be commended for their

success. It will always be quite an honor to these young people to reflect back to their school days and be able to say that they formed the class of 1905 – the first ever graduated from the Morocco High School.

"The class exercises given by the graduating class at the Baptist church last Friday evening was not only the best entertainment this season but the best that

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People, Places & Things

*Brothers, Jalopies and A Newspaper
Owner of Newton County*

Brothers, Jalopies and WW II

by Vic Carlson

Of all of the cars I have owned in the last 60 odd years, I believe my favorite was a 1931 Ford Model "A" Club Coupe I purchased in 1942 after the United States became involved in World War II.

I was a senior at Morocco High School in 1941 when the Japanese military attacked Pearl Harbor and immediately our nation became a participant in WW II. The military draft of all males over the age of 18 was in force so I knew in a short time my employer would be Uncle Sam.

I grew up on a farm in Beaver Township with two brothers and two sisters. I was born in 1924, brother Dave was born in 1925 and Ronnie was born in 1926 so we were very close in age and interests.

Our first car was a 1929 Ford Model "A" which we converted to a pickup truck by cutting off the back part of the sedan body and building a truck bed. We hauled many loads of scrap iron to Rensselaer, Indiana to help start the war effort.

Our next car was a 1929 Whippet Coupe which we purchased from Bill and Clay Blaney. My memory fails me about the price, but it was probably under \$50.00. Being patriotic, we immediately painted the Whippet red, white and blue. Being ingenious, we reversed the hinges on the

trunk lid, installed seat cushions and we had a rumble seat! We drove this little car to school each day and many classmates, girls included, may remember it.

Another car we owned was a 1926 Ford Model "T" Sedan. The "T" had preceded the Ford Model "A". This "Tin Lizzie" was sitting on the lot a car dealer located where Murphy's Grocery Store is now in Kentland; just north of the Courthouse. Being curious, we stopped to inquire about the price as the "T" looked to be in primarily good condition. I don't recall the price the dealer quoted, but after some haggling we got the Model "T" for \$20.00. We drove the "T" home and we had a second car! Although the black paint was in good shape, the "T" looked a little plain and drab so we decided to paint it in a camouflage design such as were used on ships during WW II. You had no problem noticing it coming down the road! A couple of years later when I was serving overseas in Burma, in a Long Range Penetration Unit, I received a letter from brother Ron explaining that the "T" had met its demise. He was driving to work at the Gumz Farms when suddenly the motor and rear end locked up and the car came to a screeching halt. I believe the old car ended up as scrap metal for the war effort.

In the interim between finishing high school and serving in the military, a period of

less than a year, I worked several jobs. Since I had two younger brothers to help dad on the farm I secured a job on the extra section gang of the New York Central Railroad.

During WW II the railroads were extremely busy and the tracks required much maintenance. Since most able bodied men were serving in the military, most of the extra section gang were teenage boys. Our foreman was Jim Dick and believe me, he allowed no goofing off and rode herd pretty hard on the boys. In those days almost all section work was very physically demanding.

After working on the section gang for a short time, the lure of more money in the city caused me and a couple of friends to seek employment in construction. We hired out to a firm tearing out streetcar tracks and repairing the street. Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana. I believe the hourly rate was around 90 cents per hour which was more than we received on the railroad section gang.

Since I needed a car for a short time, I started looking. I thought a 1937 or 1938 Chevy would be nice, but since Uncle Sam would soon beckon and as an 18 year old farm boy money was not abundant.

I visited a used car lot in Hammond, Indiana and on the lot sat a beautiful 1931 Ford Model "A" Club Coupe, called a

Victoria, which name Ford may still use. Upon close examination, I could find no dents or dings and the paint was excellent. The inside looked immaculate. For a twelve year old car it appeared to have had some good care. I looked closely at the tires because during the war tires were rationed and hard to come by. I raised the hood to inspect the motor and noticed all the gaskets appeared to be new which indicated a recent overhaul. At this point the owner of the lot walked up and remarked, "She's a beauty isn't she?" I replied "Well, I agree it looks pretty good."

I still remember the owners name Dan Orman. Dan then started his sales pitch. "Yeah, son, she's a real jewel. Belonged to a little old lady who drove little except to church on Sunday. Always kept her in the garage and always kept her in good shape. You won't find a better Model "A" anywhere this nice son."

I then asked, "What's the price?"

Dan replied, "Son, considering the car's condition, its cheap at \$100.00. I came back with "I think that's too high. I can buy all kinds of good Model "A's" back home for \$50-\$60."

Dan then said, "Not like this one son, she runs like a Singer sewing machine and purrs like a kitten!" At this point he started the engine and I took it for a short drive, and had to agree with him. After considerable haggling, he came down to \$85.00 and I told him I would give him \$50.00 down and the remaining \$35.00 in a few days when I would be paid and I would then pick up the car.

Dan then said, "Son, you just bought a good automobile and since you will either be fighting the Japs or the Heinies, I'll trust you for the \$35.00 till your payday and give you the title and bill of sale now and you can drive off with the car."

With that, I was the sole owner of a 1931 Model "A" Ford Victoria.

I worked for a few months in East Chicago and then went back to Morocco and worked for Frenchie Mashino, a local carpenter contractor. The Model "A" proved to be a good reliable auto and I drove it everywhere, sometimes on Dad's rationed tractor gas.

It was soon time to answer Uncle Sam's call and I reluctantly made a deal with my brothers and the Model "A" was theirs. I would spend the next three years in the service with 18 months in the China-Burma Indiana Theatre of War.

Dave and Ronnie enjoyed the car and

about a year later after finishing high school, Dave enlisted in the Navy.

Brother Ronnie now owned the Model "A" but in the next year he too enlisted in the Navy. Ronnie then sold the Model "A" to a cousin, Bud Johnson, who drove the car to school and enjoyed it. But yes, Uncle Sam wanted him too! As for the Model "A," Bud sold it to the local game warden, Tom Downs, who used it as his transportation.

In less than three years the Model "A" had four teenage owners, who all served in the military and luckily all of us came back safely. What a car!

Allan Augustin, Publisher

This article originally appeared in *The Morocco Courier*, June 21, 1979

Written by Donna LaCosse

Allan Augustin, a retired newspaper printer and publisher, is a familiar figure strolling up and down State Street each morning for his daily trip to and from the post office. He and Blanch, his wife of 56 years, reside at 385 East State Street in Morocco, moving here from Glenwood City, Wisconsin, in 1931.

Allan was born in Menasha, Wisconsin, and grew up in Glenwood City. Following high school graduation he attended Hammond University in St. Paul, Minn. for one year and in 1918, he served a short tour in the Army during World War I. He returned to Glenwood City and entered the newspaper business with his father where he remained until 1926. For the next five years, he managed a general store in Glenwood City.

In 1931, he bought *The Morocco Courier* from Leslie Miller of Mount Ayr. The *Courier* office was located across the street from the present building, in what is now the Auto Parts Store.

All the news was hand set, one letter at a time and a good typesetter could set 2 1/2 to 3 columns of news a day. Blanch assisted him in the business, filling several positions after deciding she was a "printers devil" and setting type was not for her. The decision to leave the typesetting to someone else was made by Blanch, who after setting a complete column of news, bumped the galley, causing it to fall on the floor, scattering letters every which way. She said she just knew it was the devil at work, and she

best work in other areas of the newsroom.

The present *Morocco Courier* office was built in 1939. Two years later, a linotype machine was purchased and over the following years, various machines were added to improve the printing room. The papers were hand addressed for mailing at first, then the labels were set on the linotype and the "ribbons" of addresses were run through a machine dispensing paste. Each label, containing the name, address and renewal date for each subscriber, was pasted onto the paper.

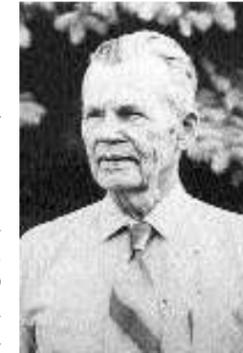
Mr. Augustin sold *The Morocco Courier* to R. Vernor Ellis in 1949, and for

the next three years, he was employed by the Haywood Tag Company in Lafayette. He also worked for the *Benton Review* in Fowler, and the *Rensselaer Republican* before going with the *Gary Tribune* in 1955. He retired from the newspaper business in 1964.

Allan and the former Blanch Winger of Amery, Wisconsin were married June 15, 1923. Allan's bride gave up a teaching career to be a full time wife after teaching in Glenwood City for two years and in Ripon, Wisconsin for one year. She graduated from River Falls State University in 1920. The Augustins are the parents of four children. All four graduated from Morocco High School. Richard, their oldest, was killed on July 30, 1945, during World War II.

Their son Arthur married the former Dorothy Kish. They live in Bowie, Maryland, and have four children. Arthur works in the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. Daughter Mary Ann graduated from Indiana State University as a teacher. She married John Kumpf and was the mother of four children. The Kumpfs lived in Cloverdale, Indiana where Mary Ann died on May 31, 1978. Daughter Florence May, also graduated from Indiana State as a teacher. She, her husband Bob Bunning and their four children, live in LaPorte.

Donna's update in 2002: Blanch died July 7, 1990 and Allan died August 17, 1995. At the time of his death, Allan was a resident of the Greenwood Nursing Home in Greenwood, Indiana. His daughter, Florence, and her husband, Bob, live in Greenwood. They are the proud grandparents of thirteen. Arthur still lives in Maryland and is the grandfather of eleven.



Allan Augustin



After their discharges in 1946, cousins and brothers pose together. Left to right, Bud Johnson, Army, Military Police, Washington D.C.; Bob Johnson; Dave Carlson, Navy, Pacific Theatre, Aerial Gunner, Vic Carlson, Army, CBI Theatre, Radio Operator, Ron Carlson, Navy, Navy Ordinance, California. Right, Vic and Dave with the 1932 Chevy. Photos contributed by Vic Carlson.