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MOVE FOR ONE MILE TACK IN PICARDY SECTORS.

In Albania the Italians and French Continue Sweeping Austrians Back—Have Established Line 200 Miles Long. From the Adriatic to the

CONFLANS SUPPLY



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DEAD WILL EQUALIZE SUGAR PRICES

PRESIDENT CREATED EQUALIZATION BOARD ON RECOMMENDATION OF HOOVER.

Board Will Incorporate at \$5,000,000 Capital To Be Supplied By President From Special War Fund—Authority To Acquire Best Sugar Production

Milltown Boys in the Service.



FRANK, FANNIE AND ERNEST ELLIOTT.

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Welcome! With the upcoming 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I, I wanted to put together an issue relating to veterans from the county that were involved in the war. I went through some old newspapers and found a LOT of stuff. I have included 9 pages worth of various newspaper reprints / photos that I think people will find interesting. I believe I may continue with this theme in the next newsletter, so if you have a relative who was in WWI, please send any info to billgpiper@hotmail.com and I will include it.



- William Piper, President of the CCHGS
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cover photo is a collage of various newspaper pictures from the Crawford County Democrat, Aug through Sept 1918

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The Great War

To commemorate the upcoming centennial end of The Great War (aka World War I), which is November 11, I decided to scour some old "Crawford County Democrat" newspapers and pull various information relating to local veterans from the war. The information is about some of those who enlisted, wrote home to relatives, died in action, etc... There is no way I could include everything but I chose various items from issues spanning from June to September 1918. These newspapers can be viewed on microfilm at the Crawford County Library or at the CCHGS headquarters, both in English. -bP

June 13, 1918

59 MEN REGISTER

Crawford County Youths Come to the Front for War Service.

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Herbert William Cox, Oriole; Ezra Grimes Cummins, English; Bryan Cunningham, English; Monroe Curl, Eckerty; Isaac Neeley Curts, Leavenworth; Clyde Marquis Dean, Leavenworth; John Philips Deich, Eckerty; James Henry Dunn, Marengo; Orval Eastridge, Birdseye; Earl Joseph Frans, Leavenworth; John Wm. Russell Gilliland, English; Grady Melvin Goldman, Grantsburg; Samuel Roy Gilliatt, Taswell; Russell Grant, English; Gordon Roscoe Green, Leavenworth; Guy Harvey, Alton; Ralph Harvey, Marengo; Floyd Kinder Hollen, Taswell; Oliver Logan Jenkins, Fredonia; Forrest Cleon Johnson, Alton; Stephen Earl Jones, Marengo; Albert Clyde Kaiser, Riceville; Orval Knight, West Fork; Jerry David Landrus, English; Willis Franklin Long, Riddle; Charles Solomon Mauck, West Fork; Isiah August Mason, Taswell; Elwood Mathers, English; Lee E. Meginity, English; Everette Edward Mills, English; Arthur L. Mitchell, Leavenworth; Simon Cyrus Mitchell, Eckerty; Herschell McAdams, Milltown; John Loran Newton, Eckerty; Dell Norman, Eckerty; Archie Orval Pigg, Marengo; Orin Claton Polen, Riceville; William Thomas Purcell, Fredonia; Harry Bryan Roll, English; Arthur Scott Rothrock, Milltown; Perry Alexander Saltgaver, Dry Run; Charles L. Schotter, Milltown; Harry Scott, Marengo; Pearl Shafer, Mifflin; Roy Sloan, Milltown; Calvin Smith, Taswell; Clyde Lee Speedy, Eckerty; Thomas Bryan Starrett, English;

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1 Bryan Cunningham	English
38 Monroe Curl	Eckerty
47 Isaac Neeley Curts	Leavenworth
25 Clyde Marquis Dean	Leavenworth

Roscoe Conklin Trusty, Eckerty; Garrett Reed Weathers, Marengo; William Earl Wilkes, Leavenworth; Daniel Thomas Yates, Alton; Sam Zhand, Marengo.

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Ernest L. Brown, who enlisted in the navy and reported for duty June 1st, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown, from Camp Perry, Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station, that he is O. K. and likes it fine.

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Elsie R. Blevins writes his mother, from Camp Zachary Taylor, that he is feeling fine and that he had been teaching school the past week, having a class of 12 men that could not read. He said that he now had a chance to get in the postal department at the camp.

R. E. Timberlake, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., writes, "I like the army life fine and am glad I enlisted when I did. They have entertainments every night at the Y.M.C.A. and K.C. and if a fellow does not have a good time it is his own fault. We have a pretty good bed and plenty to eat."

Claud M. Searcy, a former Crawford county boy who was sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, from Orange county a few weeks ago, writes his mother that he is a teamster, gets \$36 per month and is having a good time. He is with Bethal Allen, of Leavenworth, George Blevins, of English; and two other friends, Ellis Myers and Isaac Buchanan.

Ollie Walton, who has been working in Illinois, was drafted recently and sent to Camp Sheridan, Alabama, from that state. In a letter notifying us of his change of address he says, "I like the army life fine and wish you to give my Crawford county friends my best regards."

S. A. Beals, chairman Crawford county Red Cross, received a cablegram Tuesday afternoon from the Red Cross base in France, in reply to a cablegram he sent several days ago in regard to the care of Clarence Crabtree, of Marengo, who was wounded while fighting on the western front. The cablegram stated that his right arm had been amputated and that he was getting along as well as could be expected and would recover.

July 19, 1918

From Our Soldier Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Everdon, of near Tower, have received word of the safe arrival of their son, Clyde, somewhere in France.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley Stalcup, of near Fargo, have received word that their son, Bryan Stalcup, had arrived safely overseas.

Mrs. Julie Roberson received a letter from her husband, who is somewhere in France. He has been there two months and this is the third letter received from him. Among other things he says: "Be sure and have the corn ground sowed in wheat this fall, for I will be home to harvest the crop myself next summer. I don't have a chance to write very often but don't worry if you don't hear from me often for I am well and having a good time. Be sure and send me some smoking tobacco for my birthday for I will certainly be glad to get it. Write and tell me all the news from home. Your loving husband, Private Omer L. Roberson, Supply Company, 59th Inf. A. E. F."

As I haven't seen anything in your paper from any Crawford county boys at Camp Logan I will endeavor to write a few lines which will express the feeling of our Crawford boys in Texas. Well, we are certainly enjoying army life in the fullest as far as dailling [sic] goes. And I think most of the boys realize that they are in a great struggle for Freedom and Humanity's sake. As for myself I am cook, with several more. We are cooking for 375. We feed the boys all they will eat and have a good variety of eats. Our 4th of July dinner was simply fine if I did help cook it. We all look for the coming of the Democrat at the last of the week. We enjoy it very much. yours with Uncle Sam, Tower A. Parkbill, Cooks and Bakers School, Camp Logan, Houston, Tex.

On account of the impossibility of writing to friends individually in old Crawford, I take this method of dropping a line to all. I know all of you are anxious to hear how your boys are getting along as the war goes on.

On June 25, there came a call for thirty-five volunteers from the Base Hospital to do oversea service. Being anxious to see some of the world and help some wounded Sammie in Europe, I volunteered. On July 5, we left Camp Taylor and arrived here late on the evening of July 6. After a week of preparation we are now ready for embarkation. We leave the United States within a very few hours and I want to say a few things while I have the opportunity.

As a teacher in our county for the past four years, I feel no little interest especially in the young people I tried to instruct and have learned to regard very highly. I feel sure I have the love and respect of most of them. I leave knowing we boys have the sincerest wishes

and backing of all the best and truest Americans, and let me assure you that we boys will certainly do our best in the various branches of the army in which we serve.

I felt somewhat proud of myself when I had a school of your children under my care, but that cannot be compared to the feeling of pride that thrills through me now when I realize what a grand privilege is mine in serving our dear old Uncle Sam. I have always desired a trip to Europe, but never did I dream of going in my country's uniform before. Even though it is a little dangerous it is worth the risk. I hope to return soon and take up the profession of teaching again, for I love the work. I cannot understand how any rational young man should dream the army for he has everything in his favor, and the feeling of the slacker must be awful. We all hate war, it is true, but since it is thrust on us we will give the sender all he can stand and a little more too.

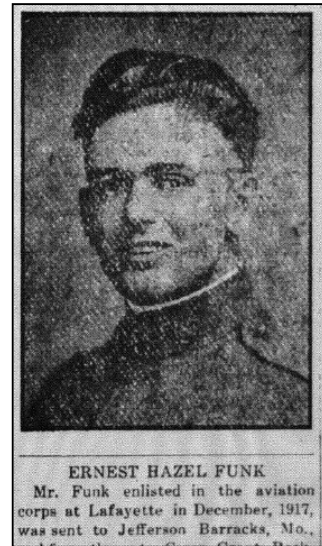
I regret that it is impossible to continue a correspondence except with my own folks, but remember one thing and that is we will hold the standard of our country where it belongs and finally victory will most surely crown our efforts. With best regards to all, Omer S. Deich.

August 1, 1918

Ernest Hazel Funk

Mr. Funk enlisted in the aviation corps at Lafayette in December, 1917, was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and from there to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., where he was assigned to No. 237 Aero Squadron. He was in training at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., for several weeks and is now stationed at Americus, Ga., awaiting orders to ship to foreign soil to fight for his country that it might live in safety and freedom.

Hazel was a school teacher of this county for a few years. When he enlisted he was working for the Monon railway at Lafayette. He is a son of C. C. Funk, of English.



From Our Solider Boys.

Mose Webster and Roy Cummins, of Camp Taylor, visited relatives at English Saturday night and Sunday.

Attorney and Mrs. J. E. Stewart have received word that their son, Earl, had arrived safely overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cox, of Cape Sandy, have received word of the arrival of their son, Fred F., somewhere in France.

Ray Jones, who is in the U. S. navy, has reported for duty after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Evan Jones, near Temple.

Herman Bennett, who has been on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bennett, has reported for duty in the U.S. army.

George Abell, who is stationed at San Antonio, Tex., has been on a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Abell, at Sulphur, the past few weeks.

Leo Land, who has been working in Louisville the past few months, has enlisted in the navy as second class musician and will report for duty August 9th.

Claud Stephenson, who is in the U.S. navy stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., is at home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Stephenson, at Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Satterfield have received notice that their son, Floyd Satterfield, had landed in France. Satterfield was among the first drafted men from Crawford county to go to Camp Zachary Taylor last September.

Ivan Noblitt has arrived overseas, according to a card received by relatives. Mr. Noblitt was principal of the English High School during the last term and was sent to Purdue University in March for special training in electrical engineering.

Dr. A. H. Rhodes, of Princeton, who enlisted in the medical corps several weeks ago, has been ordered to report for duty at Ft. Riley, Kans. Dr. Rhodes is well known in this county having been engaged in the practice of medicine for a number of years at Milltown.

Cecil Byrd, of Pilot Knob, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Byrd, of Pilot Knob, that he is well and having a good time and also tells his mother to fix a big Christmas dinner as he thinks that he will be home by that time. Mr. Byrd is with the British Active Forces, somewhere in France.

Alonzo Newton, who was called by the conscription board to go with the contingent of Harrison county soldier boys, is a barber and has been working at that trade in Corydon for the past several years. His parents live at Taswell, Crawford county, and he paid them a visit last week before entering the service. He is a splendid young man and takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends.---Corydon (Harrison county) Republican.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Seals, of English, Estell Seals, who is with the American army somewhere in England, writes: "Arrived safe and had a fine trip, got a little sick the second day out but got alright and then I enjoyed everything fine. This is a fine country, what I have seen of it. All I have against it is the cold weather, I have my overcoat on this evening and it sure feels fine. We get plenty to eat three times a day and as long as a fellow gets that he is alright. There is nothing better than the U.S. I suppose

it would be the same for some of the people that go from here to the states for home is alright."

I have been getting your paper for quite awhile and recommend it very highly to anybody who wants to know what is doing back home. I have been down here for nearly two years and haven't met but one boy from Crawford county. I think there must be some from Crawford who are stationed at some of the following camps: Camp Travis, Camp Stanley, Camp Bullit, Camp John Wise, Fort Sam Houston, Kelly Field No. 1 or 2, or Brook's Field. If there is anyone who knows a Crawford county boy at any of the above camps I would certainly appreciate it if they would send me their names and address. These camps are quite near each other so I could very easily go see anybody that might be there. Hoping to see some Hoosier from Crawford real soon. Private R. C. Jones, 1st class Med. Dept., Camp Hospital, Camp Stanley, Texas.

August 8, 1918

The First Crawford County Boy to Make the Supreme Sacrifice



Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crabtree, of Marengo, made the supreme sacrifice on July 14, "somewhere in France." He had suffered severe wounds while in action in May, but was received that he was on the road to recovery, after having the right arm amputated.

Crawford county need not be ashamed of her first slain in this world war. The story of young Crabtree is a record of patriotic duty well done. He was in charge of a machine gun and refused to give an inch to the Germans but fought until the enemy succeeded in mangling his right arm, after which he turned his machine gun over to a

companion who continued mowing down the foe. He was first taken to a French hospital and later moved to an American hospital at which place it is presumed he died. The bereaved parents have received letters from the nurses describing his condition and also complimented them on account of the loyalty and bravery of their son.

The entire county sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree on account of the premature death of their son, but the elements of honor and the consciousness of duty well done makes the grief easier to bear.

Sent to Training Camps.

Raymond Sturms, of Eckerty, was sent by the local conscription board to Syracuse, N.Y., Monday.

Claud C. Carter, of Leavenworth, will go to Cincinnati, August 15, to take military training in mechanics. On the same day William Knight, of Mifflin, and George Dooley, of English, will go to Indianapolis, and on August 28. Thomas I. Lavin, of West Fork and Oliver L. Jenkins, of Fredonia, will go to Valparaiso for similar training.

Tomorrow eight men will be sent as the county's quota to Ft. Thomas, Ky., as follows: Earl Carver, Leavenworth; James B. Saltgaver, Dry Run; James A. Feltner, Birdseye; Roy R. Real, Temple; Oscar L. Roberson, Mifflin; Chancy Wright, Grantsburg; Eary O. Hammond, Grantsburg; James McKin, Taswell.

August 15, 1918

English Boy Receives Promotion.

Gordon M. Beals, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart A. Beals, of English, has been promoted to quartermaster in the U.S. Navy and has been transferred from Buffalo, N.Y., to Great Lakes, Ill., as an instructor.

NINE HUNS OR MORE / Fall Before the Unerring Aim of an English Boy

Word was received this week by Mrs. Frank Schiagel, of Huntingburg, that her brother, Corporal Andrew J. Goodman, Company A. 16th Infantry, who has been with the regulars in France for sometime, was wounded, and is now in a hospital in France.

In writing to his sister he said the wound was a slight one and he would soon be ready for duty again. He said that there was some compensation for his having to be inactive for a short time from the fact that he had accounted for nine or more Huns before they got him.

Jack Goodman, as he is familiarly known here is a son of the late A. J. Goodman, and has many friends at English, who are sorry to learn of his being wounded, but who rejoice in his ability as a Hun killer. Mr. Goodman who is about 29 years of age was born and reared near English and has been in the regular army about five years.



Gordon M. Beals, son of Mr. and Mrs.

ANOTHER GOLD STAR
In Crawford County's Service Flag---
Allan G. Myers Killed in Battle.

Another Gold Star

A telegram August 8th from the war department to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Myers, of Alton, informed them that

their son, Corporal Allan G. Myers, Company A, 16th Infantry had been killed in action July 21st.

Filled with the burning fire of patriotism, Corporal Myers answered the first call for volunteers, enlisting in Indianapolis in April, 1917, and with a brother, John L. Myers, was among the first to cross the seas. While there has reached home no record of his service, his friends all know that it was one of the duty well and bravely done. In his last letter home, July 9th, he said that he had been in the trenches five out of six months and was that time closing a period of rest and recreation. It was at this time he met for the first time, since parting here, his brother, John L. Myers, Company I, Headquarters division and "Somewhere in France" enjoyed together a love feast of home news and intimate confidences. In a letter July 10th, John says: "Allan and the boys have been recalled to the firing line. Have gone on their way rejoicing. Allan looks fine, must weigh 160, which is doing fine for the slim young pedagogue you all knew."

Allan is well known throughout the county as a young man of unusual attractive disposition and of promising gifts. He had begun a student course at Indiana University which it was one of his most cherished ambitions to finish when his service to his country had been rendered. That service has now been rendered even to the last and greatest gift of his fine young life. The great cause for which he gave it has now for his parents and friends back home an added holiness and a personal inspiration to emulate in the spirit of sacrifice the deeds of his heroic young son of America, not a boy of Alton who walks beneath the flags half-mast for Allan, but thrills with personal pride. He gave his life for that flag and he was "ours." Today he is our hero dead for the love of his country on the blood-drenched field of France. While hearts that love him are torn with anguish there is an uplifting, sustaining [sic] thrill of unconquerable American pride and courage. Allan, the first of Bloone's sons to go over the top, will be a living inspiration to the last who shall some day help raise Old Glory over the Kaiser's tower in far-away Berlin.
---Alton Correspondent.

Milltown Boys in the Service

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, of Milltown, are in their country's service, two already overseas. The other expects soon to sail. Mrs. Elliott before her marriage was Miss Ida McMahel, of English.

The boys' maternal grandfather, the late William McMahel, was a Union soldier during the Civil War. On the paternal side of the family six great-uncles wore the blue, one giving his life for the Union.



Ernest Elliott, 26 years old, enlisted in the regular army April 17, 1917, eleven days after the declaration of war against Germany. He landed in France, April 21, 1918. Writing to

his parents he says: "I like to soldier and we have fine officers. This sure is the prettiest country I was ever in. I think I will live here after the war is over." He is serving with Headquarters Company, 18th Field Artillery.

Frank Elliott, who is 24 years old, was sent from Crawford county as a selective to Camp Zachary Taylor October 24, 1917. For several months he has been training with the 65th Engineers Corps at Worgret Camp, Wareham, Dorset, England. He writes that his present comrades are all boys whom he has met since entering the Engineers' Corps; they are fine fellows. He says that his studies are interesting and that he is enjoying his training, but is anxious to reach France where he may meet his brother Ernest. He says, in asking about the celebration of the Fourth at home, to tell the folks that he will help them celebrate next year and may be home for Christmas.

Fonnie Elliott, although but 16 years old, was anxious to join his brothers, so, with his parents' consent, he enlisted in the army May 17, 1918. He is training in a Pennsylvania camp and expects to be in France within a few weeks.

Mrs. Elliott says she would rather have her boys die doing their duty than be slackers.

August 29, 1918

Severely Wounded in France

Isaac Wilson Lawrence, 26 years old, of Eckerty, who was severely wounded in action in France, volunteered for service in the medical department, March 16, 1918. He was sent by the local board for Crawford county to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on that day. He landed in France the latter part of April. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pave Lawrence, of Eckerty. His father is dead.



A Teamster "Over There"

Private Omer L. Roberson, of Beechwood, who enlisted in the army last spring and has been in France nearly three months, writes his wife, Mrs. Julie Roberson, that he is well, and having a good time and driving two fine horses for Uncle Sam. He says he is giving his service and will give his life if needs be to help whip the Huns and keep Old Glory waving in the breeze.

From the County Historian's Desk

Crawford County, Indiana WWI Casualties

Alvin Fetzer Byrum -He was born at Marengo, Indiana on 2 Jan. 1895 and died on 24, Oct. 1918 in France. He was a Private in the Army in WWI. He received the World War I Victory Medal and possibly other medals. He is the son of Sampson and Carrie Byrum. He entered service at Chickasha, Oklahoma and was (killed in action); in the Argonne Forest; near Bantheville, France. He is buried in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Saint Francisville, Lawrence Co, Illinois.

Clarence D. Crabtree - He was born on 3 Jun 1898. His residence is listed as Marengo. He enlisted in the Army in WWI as Private First Class, and served with the 1st Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. Clarence (died of wounds) July 14, 1918. He is buried or memorialized at Plot A Row 8 Grave 20, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France. He received the World War I Victory Medal and maybe others. His parents are Lowell B. and Emma Crabtree. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palms (Posthumously).

Cleo Walter Dukes - He was born 18 Jan 1895 at Milltown, Crawford Co. IN. He died on 22 Oct. 1918 at Vaubecourt, France. He died of pneumonia at Evacuation Hospital No. 9 at Vaubecourt. He was a Private in Company A, 234th Infantry, 84th Division. He is the son of John J. Dukes and Emma Louisa Cornelison Dukes. One source says he is buried near Vaubecourt and another says he is buried in Milltown Cemetery.

Elmer L. Goldman-He was born 3, Oct. 1884 in Crawford Co. IN. and died on 29 Sep. 1918 in France. He was (killed in action). He is either buried in West Fork Cemetery, West Fork; Crawford, IN or in France. He is the son of David and Minerva Goldman. He was a farmer and enlisted as Private on 19 Sept, 1917, at English, IN. He was sent to Camp Taylor, KY; assigned to Co. G. 335th Infantry. Transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C; assigned to Company I, 119th Infantry, 30th Div. He went overseas on 12 May 1918, participated in the Battle of Kemmel Hill. He was (killed in action), on Sept. 29, 1918, was buried in Old Hickory Cemetery in France. He received the WWI Victory medal and possibly others.

Roy Hanover - His address is listed as English, IN. He enlisted as Private in WWI. He was, (killed in action) July 29, 1918, in France. Record states his body was lost or destroyed. He was awarded the Purple Heart and WWI Victory Medal. He enlisted on July 17, 1917 in Co. A. 2nd Indiana Infantry, Indiana National Guard, transferred to Co. A. 152nd Infantry, then to Co. A. 165th. He is the son of James H. and Cresa Hanover of English, Indiana. His place of burial is unknown.

Orville Sherman Harper - He was born Oct. 21, 1891, Marengo, Crawford, Indiana. He died on Oct. 21, 1918 in France. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous- Montfaucon, Departemt de la Meuse, Lorraine, France. He is the son of John M. and Sarah J. Harper. He enlisted in the Army as a Private and was (killed in action) in France. He received the WWI Victory Medal and possibly others.

Charles Ralph Jones - He was born Nov. 19, 1892 at Temple in Crawford Co. IN. He is the son of J. Evan and Annie Jones. He was a farmer and entered the service as a Private in WWI on Sept. 20, 1917 at English, IN. He was sent to Camp Taylor, KY; then transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C.; assigned to Company F, 120th Infantry, 30th, Division. He embarked May 17, 1918 and (died of pneumonia) Nov. 4, 1918 at Payton, England. He is buried in the National Cemetery, New Albany, IN. He was survived by his widow, Lelah Jones of Temple, IN.

Isaac Wilson Lawrence - He was born April 11, 1892 at Eckerty, IN. He is the son of Benjamin T. and Rosa Anna King Lawrence. He entered the service in WWI as a Private. He (died of wounds) on July 15, 1918 in France and is buried in Wickliffe Cemetery, Wickliffe, Crawford, IN. Inscription says "Med Dep 166 Inf". He received the World War I Victory Medal.

William Kiper Melton - He was born on Feb. 5, 1889 at Wickliffe, Crawford, IN, the son of John W. and Mary A. Melton. He served as a Private in WWI. He was sent overseas in May 1918 and was caught in a barrage while on patrol duty and "killed instantly". He died August 2, 1918 and is buried in Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Arrondissement Leper-West Flanders (West Vlaanderen, Belgium. There is a memorial stone for him in the Patoka Memorial Cemetery. The stone was originally placed in the Sinclair Cemetery. He received the World War I Victory Medal and is listed in the WW I Gold Star Honor Roll.

Thomas E. Morgan - His date of birth is unknown. His residence is listed as Taswell, IN. He enlisted in the Army in WWI and held the rank of Sergeant in the Indiana 16th Infantry, 1st Division. He was, (killed in action), on November 17, 1918. He is buried in Taswell Cemetery.

Allan Gordon Myers - He was born Dec. 11, 1895. His address is Alton, Crawford, IN. He served in WWI as Corporal in Co. A 16th Infantry, 1st Division. He was killed in France July 21, 1918. He is the son of Josephus and Annie G. Myers. Corporal Myers is buried in Orchard Knob Cemetery, Alton, Crawford Co; IN.

James William Polen - He was born Oct. 6, 1887 in Crawford Co. IN. He is the son of James W. and Jane Polen. He was sent overseas on Aug. 16, 1918. He returned to the US on Jan. 20, 1919. He was discharged on March 18, 1919. He died on June 12, 1920 of Tuberculosis, contracted while in the service. He is buried in the Bethany Union Cemetery, Crawford Co. IN. He served as Private and is listed in the Gold Star Honor Roll.

Leroy Dennis Randall - He was born April 15, 1890 at Marengo, Crawford, IN. He is the son of Charles and Sarah E. Randall. Leroy served as Private in WWI with the 30th Division, 120th Infantry Regiment. He was, (killed in action), on October 9, 1918 in France. He is buried or memorialized at Plot A Row 26 Grave 2 at Somme American Cemetery, Bony, France. He received the WWI Victory Medal.

Clarence Alva Stroud - Clarence was born on March 13, 1894 at Temple, Crawford, IN. He is the son of William Riley Stroud and Mary Ann Mathers Stroud. He married Ruth Ridgley Stroud on July 7, 1917 in St. Francisville, Lawrence, Illinois. He served in WWI as Private First Class. He was, (killed in action) on September 26, 1918, in France. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France.

Arthur Roscoe Weathers - He was born on October 20, 1892 at Marengo, Crawford, IN. He is the son of Alonzo and Rebecca A. Weathers. His occupation was listed as a Steeple Painter. He served as Private in WWI in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. He died of pneumonia. He entered service on June 24, 1918, and served in Company B, 344th Infantry A. E. F. He died on October 21, 1918. His body arrived in Marengo on July 22, 1921 from France for burial in the Marengo Cemetery. He was previously buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. He is listed in the Gold Star Honor Roll of Indiana men and women who died in the service of the United States and the allied nations in the world war.

Roberta Toby
County Historian

Queries

There were no queries submitted. If you have one, send to billgpiper@hotmail.com



Arthur Critchfield, of near Valeene.

Arthur Critchfield, of near Valeene, has received a letter from his son, Corporal Herbert Critchfield, who is with the army in France, saying he was wounded but thought he would soon be on an active front for five months and has been in France almost a year.

Temple H. Helmbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Helmbrecht, of Patoka township, enlisted in the U.S. Army in October, 1917, and is now gas instructor in Headquarters Company 160 Inf., somewhere in France. Mr. Helmbrecht is a brother of L.A. Helmbrecht, cashier of the Crawford County State Bank.



Temple H. Helmbrecht, son of Mr. George W. Helmbrecht, of

Previous meeting minutes:

July 10, 2018

President Bill Piper called the meeting to order at 6:30 with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program was presented so went to the business meeting.

Minutes - were reviewed. No corrections so Roberta made a motion to approve them. July 2nd and the motion passed.

President's Report - The newsletter will be ready by the end of the week. Ken MacHarg donated a pamphlet from the Presbyterian Church dated June 30, 1946. It was passed around for all to see.

Financial Report - The beginning balance as of June 12 was \$9,231.33. Total deposits from memberships and donations were \$1,261.00 which brought the balance to \$10,492.33. Disbursements equaled \$316.35 for utilities, house payment, and Indiana Historical Society dues. This leaves an ending balance of \$10,175.98.

Membership is 43.

County Historian's Report - Doris Leistner donated a microfilm reader, and has now donated a box of 18 reels of old newspapers formerly here in the county - The English News, The Crawford County Democrat, and old Leavenworth newspapers. Doris has been doing genealogy for 45 years. She plans to give us more books that we can copy and sell. She has already given many items of much interest, such as information that tells how to do Indian research, etc. Roberta has put them in folders which are here in our building. We are very grateful to Doris for her generosity. Roberta plans to do a workshop on genealogy research very soon. The Mormon Church is having a genealogy research session on July 26th. Bring your laptop.

Archives Report - Mary Jane Simpson gave Roberta a check for \$200 - a membership for \$15 and the rest was a donation of \$185.

Veterans Memorial Assoc. Report - They voted to turn the Memorial over to the County which had to be done by 2020. There was also a discussion about a proposed Indiana Regional Veterans Village and Cemetery.

Proctorville Report - A color to repaint the Proctor House needs to be chosen. After discussion, Jim K. made a motion for red as that was the original color of the bricks. Ruth 2nd and the motion passed. We also need to choose a period to restore the house, either the Federalist or the Victorian. Will seek guidance from Indiana Landmarks, either Greg Sekula or Laura Renwick.

Old Business - Paying off the house loan. After due consideration, it was decided to wait until the restoration project is completed as unforeseen expenses may arise.

New Business - The hot water heater in our building needs maintenance or replacement. Carol presented a quote for each one from A.C. Phillips Plumbing in Milltown. After discussion, action was tabled until next meeting.

No bills were presented.

The meeting adjourned.

Those present were Carol Tomlinson, Bill Piper, Robin Piper, Mike Witt, Jan Dixon, Andy and Glenda Laswell, Jim Kaiser, Judy Faith, Roberta Toby, and Ruth Terry.

Submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Secretary

August 14, 2018

President Bill Piper called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program, so went to business meeting.

Minutes were reviewed. No corrections noted so Louie made a motion to approve. Jim 2nd, and the motion passed.

President's Report - The newsletter is out. Bill wants to get a small grant to purchase an 8mm film converter to use for the archives and you tube. Dubois Rec, Inc. is opening up a new grant cycle application period from Aug. 02 thru Aug. 24 for their Operation Round-Up grants. Carol and Louie participate in that so Carol will check it out.

Financial Report - Beginning balance as of July 10 was \$10,175.98. Deposits totaled \$229.85 for books, memberships and miscellaneous which brought the balance to \$10,405.80. Disbursements for utilities and house payment equaled \$295.35 which leaves an ending balance of \$10,110.45 as of August 14, 2018.

Total membership is 57.

County Historian and Archive Report - Louie donated a stack of books and \$20. Roberta brought in Crawford County maps which are helpful for people looking for cemeteries. She suggested waiting until the end of Sept. for the genealogy session. A soldier from Ft. Knox has been visiting the Archives to do family research. She sold 2 Whitey Jones books at \$20 each.

No Veterans Memorial Assoc. report.

Proctorville Report - Carol reported on the first draw from our Matching Funds for the Restoration project. The beginning balance for the Proctor House account as of July 01 was \$47,463.61 of which \$5,000 was reserved for our matching funds. A deposit of \$31,271.00 (grant money which comes through the Crawford County Treasurer) brought the Matching Funds to \$76,271.00. Three disbursements from it to Myers White Inc. and to Indiana Regions 15 totaled \$53,271.00. This leaves \$23,000 in our reserve for matching funds. No deposits, but 4 disbursements from our working capital for utilities and insurance totaled \$1,227.28. This leaves an ending balance of working capital to \$1,236.33. The combined ending balance for the Proctor House acct. is \$24,236.33.

Insurance for the Proctor House once restored was discussed. Mike Benham from the Crawford County Security Co. has given us a quote. A suggestion to obtain other quotes, especially from companies that offer specialized insurance for historic properties was made. Bill will check other counties with historical properties to see how they handle their insurance needs.

Fund Raising - A host of ideas were discussed. Will decide at next meeting.

No bills were presented.

Roscoe asked about the status of the hot water heater. It is expensive to have it cleaned and serviced and/or to replace it. Jim suggested that an on-demand hot water heater may work for us as we use very little hot water. Will check it out.

The Sorghum Festival is October 20. To rent a space is \$10 and tables are \$5 each. We are thinking of items to sell. No decision to participate was made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Those present were Louie Mitchell, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Roscoe Hooten, Jim Kaiser, Carol Tomlinson and Bill Piper.

September 11, 2018

President Bill Piper opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were reviewed. No corrections, so Roberta made a motion to accept them. Louie seconded and the motion passed.

President's Report - Newsletter out next month. Will feature WWI since the 100th anniversary is in November. Will be an Historical Society meeting in Corydon on the topic of social media in the Discovery Room at 11:30. He and Roberta plan to attend.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance as of August 15, 2018 was \$10,110.45. Deposits totaled \$117.00. Disbursements for utilities, house payment, Post Office Box rent, and CC 4-H totaled \$332.42 which leaves an ending balance of \$9,895.03. Membership is 57.

County Archives, County Historian, and Veterans Memorial Association Reports - Roberta deposited \$61 for book sales and copies. CCIVMA is looking for land to buy to build a village for homeless veterans. Fund raisers are being planned. Roberta received an old township map from the library. It shows all of the townships in the state. They also gave us several very interesting old books, such as Frontier Indiana and English, Indiana by Eb Roberts.

Proctorville Report - The beginning balance as of August 14 was \$23,000 in reserve and \$1,236.33 in working capital. No deposits. Two disbursements for utilities totaled \$74.42 which leaves an ending balance of \$1,161.91 for working capital and \$23,000 in reserve. Insurance quotes from two companies are in the works. Colors are being chosen for the interior walls. Tuck pointing is nearly completed. Are looking for an old mantel for one fireplace. Termite inspection is due in October.

Old business - The plumber gave a quote of around \$2,400 for the instant hot water system. No decision on to repair or to replace.

No bills were presented.

Meeting adjourned.

Those present were Roberta Toby, Louie Mitchell, Roscoe Hooten, Sharon Morris, Bill Piper, and Carol Tomlinson.

Submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Secretary

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BERT THOMAS

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