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## SUMMER MEETING

The Ripley County Indiana Historical Society meeting will be held on July 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Archives building on the square and the Court House lawn. Special entertainment will be featuring Indian family life. Followed by homemade ice cream and cake.

## MINUTES OF RECENT MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the president. Followed by secretary report read and approved. Bea gave a treasurer's report of monies spent and taken in for the past three months. A motion was made and seconded to go ahead and purchase the signs to be put up concerning the Hanging Tree. Joann, Sandy, and Don Nealis were still looking for a price that was within reason.

The nominating committee presented the following names for directors from Franklin Township- Alice Glover; Jackson- Kathryn Mathis; and Johnson Township- Alan Smith. As there was no nominations from the floor, the above people will serve for the next three years.

A letter was read from J. Harris from the State Historical Society stating we might want to investigate the By-Laws before voting. Norris Krall, Bea Boyd, and Betty Roepke will prepare this before the October meeting.

Norris Krall reported a reader, printer had been located in our price range. A motion was made and seconded for him to order it. Sandy Meisburger said she would donate a \$1,000.<sup>00</sup> to the project.

It was suggested to display items from the museum at the Archives to stimulate interest in the museum. Light protection at the museum by sun block. Betty and Kathleen will continue on this.

At the close of the meeting Alan Smith showed his slides of days gone by and present of Ripley County. Everyone was interested as people saw someone they knew from the olden days.

## Ripley County Historical Society

The Ripley County Historical Society is having their summer meeting Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 p.m. (slow time) on the Ripley County Court House lawn, Versailles. The special feature will be an American Indian family who will have a very informative time. They plan to wear their native garb and share with us some of their culture of bygone days, perhaps they will show us how to make arrow heads, for example.

Bring the whole family and your own lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. We hope to see you there. There is a good chance for refreshments too!

### INDIANA HISTORY

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| 1. Oldest town in Indiana                  | a. Reno Bros         |
| 2. Birthplace of Dan Quayle                | b. Oldenburg         |
| 3. Spencer Co Town                         | c. West Harrison     |
| 4. S. Border of Ind                        | d. Madison           |
| 5. Ind born comedian                       | e. Ray Harrown       |
| 6. 1st Gov of In                           | f. Bloomington       |
| 7. Worlds 1st Train Robbers                | g. Jonathan Jennings |
| 8. Village School in 1851                  | h. Ohio River        |
| 9. Hoagy Carmichael Birthplace             | i. Indianapolis      |
| 10. Birthplace of James W. Riley.          | j. Santa Claus       |
| 11. winner of 1st Indpls 500               | k. Vincennes         |
| 12. Home of Hillforest                     | l. Terre Haute       |
| 13. Jefferson Co town Named for Pres.      | m. Red Skelton       |
| 14 High land                               | n. Greenfield        |
| 15. Last Ind Town raided by John H. Morgan | o. Aurora            |

How do you score? Look for answers in next bulletin. Puzzle by Bea Boyd

Reminiscences cholera claimed 18 victims in 22 days; 1st person stricken at Napoleon d. 56y ago, July 9, 1849; cholera made its appearance in Napoleon from July 9 to 31, 1849; Wm MARKIN & a man MOUZER, 1st vict., Mrs. Dr. Samuel HICKS, Jo Adan CLINE, Mrs. Aaron CULVER & her son, Aaron, Alexander CUMMINS & his nephew, Chas CONWELL, Miss Ellen HUDSON, John SCUDDER, Mrs. Mary LINES, Stephen LUTZ. Abraham CLINE, John SMITH & 4 others. (A)

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## OBITUARIES

### Alice R. Glover

Alice R. Glover, 73, of Milan, died Friday, May 29, 1998, at University Hospital, Cincinnati. She was born May 8, 1925 in New Sharon, Maine the daughter of Clarence and Rena (Corson) Drown. She married Dr. William F. Glover on June 7, 1946 and he survives.

She is survived by her sons: William Arthur Glover of Tempe, AZ, Fred Glover of Milan; two daughters: Angie Olds of Mesa, AZ, and Edith Fork of Mukwonago, Wisconsin; also nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Glover was a member of the Milan United Methodist Church; Board of Trustees of Milan United Methodist Church; Rebecca Lodge #559 of Milan; Extension Homemakers Club; Board of Trustees of the Milan Scholarship Foundation of Milan High School; a member of the Ripley County Historical Society; Ripley County Extension Board; 4-H Leader and Fair Board member for many years; Board member of the Pleasant Cemetery Board; and was pack leader of Milan Troop 31-Cub Scouts for many years.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 2 at the Laws-Carr-Moore Funeral Home, Milan from 6-9 p.m. slow time.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 3, at the Milan United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. slow time with Rev. Robin Norris and Rev. Paul VanCise officiating.

Burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Moores Hill.

Memorials may be made to the Milan Scholarship Foundation; Milan United Methodist Church or Ripley County 4-H Corporation.

### John Austin

John Austin, 80, of Versailles, died Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at Jewish Hospital North in Kenwood, OH. He was born September 8, 1917 in Versailles the son of Everett and Edith Jarvis Austin.

He is survived by one sister, Hope Austin of Versailles and two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Evelyn L. Good.

He owned and operated the Austin Theater in Versailles and was an insurance salesman for many years.

He was an Army Veteran of WWII and a member of the Versailles American Legion.

Calling will be Tuesday, April 7 from 10:11 a.m. with memorial services to be held at 11:00 a.m. at Bovard's Funeral Home, Versailles with Rev. Timothy Rasmussen and Rev. Walter Williams officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted with burial in the Cliff Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cliff Hill Cemetery.

### Myron E. Kelly

Myron E. Kelly, 82, of Milan, died Thursday, September 4, 1997 at the Columbus Regional Hospital. He was born in Dillsboro on January 17, 1915 the son of George Edward and Helen Adams Kelly.

He was married to Mary E. Myers. Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Robert E. Kelly of Scipio and a grandson, Brian Kelly.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lowell and James Kelly.

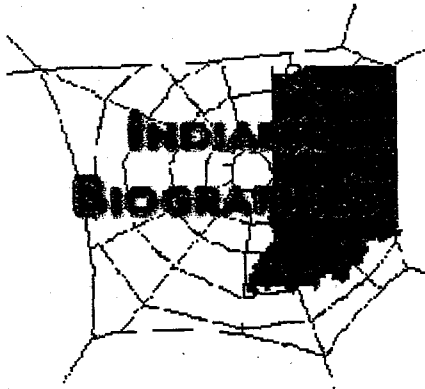
Mr. Kelly was a retired welder, a member of the Versailles Baptist Church, Ripley County Historical Society and the Dillsboro VFW.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Versailles Baptist Church with the Rev. Jan Hobbs officiating. Burial was in the Oakdale Cemetery in Dillsboro.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Bovard's Funeral Home in Versailles was in charge of the ar-

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# Ripley County Biographies

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## VIOLET TOPH

Ripley County was indeed lucky that Violet Toph, d/o Thomas Garrett and Olive (Jackson) Toph was born in Springdale on December 29, 1878. She was their only child. She devoted her life to gathering information about Ripley County and the people who have made it their home down the many years it has been a part of this State of Indiana.

Almost every day, after her retirement, that she served as curator of the Ripley County Museum at the end of the day, she would reach for pen or pencil and any piece of paper and start to write another chapter about the community she had called home. She may have just returned from a long walk over the hills and valleys of her beloved county. Often she trudged as many as twenty miles a day to chase down a fresh lead to a new story or family history. She would go up to the door of a home and ask for the information about the family, who their ancestors were, where the family come from and any other genealogical facts. All of these family facts of hundreds of Ripley County Families are recorded in TOPH PAPERS. History of county, towns, churches, schools and events both good and bad are written about in "The People's History of Ripley County".

Her zeal for recording this material for posterity into the history of Ripley County for future generation is a source of information for people today. She recorded not only the good but also the skeletons in Ripley County history. She had written hundreds of pages about the county and the people who have passed through its history. Stacks of manuscript overflowed into every corner of her modest home.

Her father ran a general store and a post office in Springdale while she was growing up. The little village is no longer there. Later Violet and her mother moved to Versailles.

She started teaching Latin, English, Home Economics and Botany before she received her high school diploma. She started her training to be a teacher at Indiana State Normal School but her education was interrupted by measles. She later received her A.B. degree from the school in 1921. She had started teaching in 1900. She taught in many of the one room schools of that time. She earned a life license in teaching from the State of Indiana.

She lived alone in Versailles after the deaths of her parents until she passed away 11 Oct, 1956 and is buried in Cliff Hill Cemetery next to her parents. [Click here to see the Resource for this Bio-](#)



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