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FARM MEMORIES...

Harvest time in Catlin Township always generates much conversation about the good “ole” days of farm life. We’ve been having discussions about the wonders of technology, just how large are the equipment pieces going to get and how smart are the tractors becoming! For this issue we decided to run farming pictures from our collection and a few antidotes of farm memories.

BOGCESS FARM IN EARLY TIMES

Frank Austin Boggess’s autobiography, *One Man’s Life Time* tell of early life on the homestead which was located approximately 3 miles west of Catlin and to the north. His writings tell of the early house and grounds and all the work involved with their upkeep. Cleaning and filling lanterns, gathering nuts, making apple butter and keeping the chickens were just a few of the chores recalled. We found Mr. Boggess’s following paragraph to be a wonderful description of how farm residents felt about their life.

“The greater part of any farm is out-of-doors—roofed in by sky and clouds and moon and stars and the view bounded by the horizon. So too, the greater part of farm life and activities for grownups and children is in the open. Farm bred

people cannot think of just a house as their home. The thought must take in the yard and the garden and the orchard and the barnyard and the out buildings and even the broad fields and meadows and pastures. Neither can they think only of their parents and brothers and sisters

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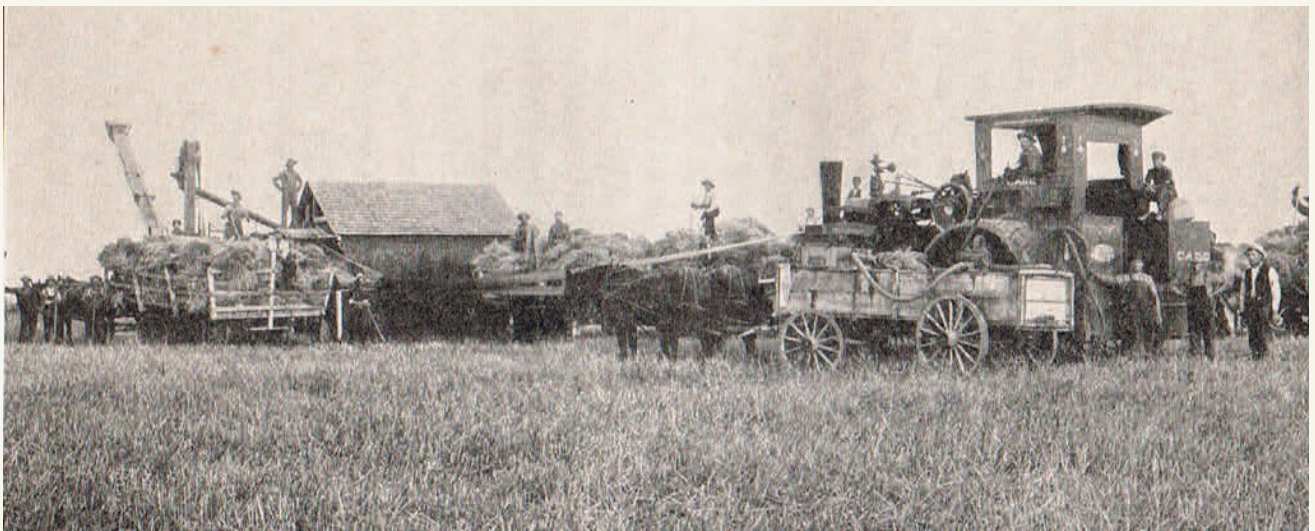
Boggess Homestead

and hired men as their companions. The thought must take in the dogs and cats and hogs and sheep with which they spent so much of their time. Most of the play, like work, was outside and 'going back home' to a farmer means going back to the farm and not merely to the farmhouse. The pioneer farm home was closely knit and surprisingly nearly self-sufficient. It was a very dear place and its memory became a permanent heritage the like of which no apartment-bred child has ever had."

PLAINVIEW THRESHING RING

Virginia Taylor Wallen recalls the threshing ring during her young farm life. The threshing rings seemed to be set up around the one room-school area's Virginia's was Plainview. The actual wheat/oat harvest took place in early July—a McCormick horse pulled binder would travel the field cutting and bundling the crop, then tying it with binder twine. Farmers would then gather the bundles and form shocks, fields full of shocks, which would stand until later in August. In this ring Roy Bentley owned the thresher and steam engine. The farmers taking part in the threshing provided grain wagons and drivers, scoopers, or hayrack wagons and drivers. Workers were

also needed in the fields to throw bundles onto hayracks. The hayracks full of bundles were brought into the barnyard where the driver fed them into the separator (thrasher), which was run by a long belt to the steam engine. The separator loaded the grain into a grain wagon and then the scooper filled the farmers bins. From the thresher the chaff was thrown into the straw stack. This straw stack later on became a great play place for the children. While our men folk were working the women were busy preparing the noon meal—working over a coal stove in August was not a cool chore! Besides paying Mr. Bentley the farmer also hired a water boy (or in Virginia's case water girl). They would fill earthen jugs from the well and ride the fields giving drinks to all the farmers. Virginia remembers using the buggy and pony and making fifty cents a day. When the threshing was finished at one farm they moved to the next until all harvesting was completed. After harvest Mr. Bentley gave an ice cream party for all with store bought ice cream, Virginia remembers it tasting the best!



Threshing Ring

DAVID DARR—DAD NOT HAPPY

Brother Charles hooked their horses, King and Queeny up to a wagon; the chore was to shuck corn by hand for their neighbor, Judy VanDyke. She wanted the corn shucked clean for her animals and previous workers did not meet her standards. Before heading out Charles tied the bridle to the gate in front of his house and went in to get his water jug. One of the colts in the pasture got scared and ran between the team and the gate they were fastened to—now the action began! The team broke away and started to run. The wagon tongue came out of the neck yoke, broke off and turned up under the wagon. The team continued to run down the road and into a cornfield, the corn finally rode up enough around the broken wagon tongue that the horses could no longer pull the weight! Charles had to walk to the field, gather up horses and wagon and lead them back to barn—Dad was not happy! I believe David enjoys this memory most because it was Charles making Dad unhappy, what do you think.



Farm Scene—Unidentified

FARM MEMORIES FROM THE FORTIES

By Tom Johnson

Mom, Dad and my two sisters and I moved to the farm when I was one week old in August of 1942. Darrel Guymon owned the farm, which was east about ½ mile from the Catlin-Indianola road west on 1100N Road on the south side. Herb Nevels lived on the farm just west of us about ¼ mile on the north side of the road. Dad farmed about 160 acres for Guymon. The house we lived in was two stories and was very pretty. We had a big barn, 20 acres of pasture, a big chicken house and several hog houses. Darrel gave Dad an acre of ground for garden. We milked 4 cows every night and morning. Mom saved cream for the Sugar Creek Creamery. We had 400 plus laying hens and every Saturday Mom and Dad would take the eggs to the store in Catlin to sell. We farmed with an old International tractor and a pull plow. We did have a two-row corn picker and all the corn was put up on the ear. We had an old small combine that we harvested beans and wheat with. The hay we had came from the pasture and other places. We moved off the farm in 1955 and moved to the house on the east side of Oakridge Cemetery, where the cemetery office is now located.

Hope these stories evoke some memories of your own—if we have peaked your interest and your interested in reading the Boggess autobiography or looking over our farm pictures and article sources please contact the Museum. Have a great fall and happy harvesting to all!

ACQUISITIONS 2011

Close to one hundred items of interest from Catlin day gone by have been given to us this year. New (old) items are always welcome as well as the history that comes with them.

In our cabin area check out the corn dryers filled with corn and the sheep shears that are made from single pieces of steel and the side saddle has two riding crops now. The mining display boasts additional lunch buckets, carbide lamps and a metal helmet. The one room school exhibit received a chair for one of the small desks and a school hand bell to be used by the teachers to call the kids in from recess. Another piece of furniture in our collection is a sewing chair and a study hall armchair that was used at Catlin High School. These items are only a few that we have been entrusted with.

Folks enjoy making scrapbooks over the years and we are the lucky recipients of many of these. The articles in them are often used in our obituary records or other event files. An exhibit of Catlin advertisements and promotion items will be featured in the Museum house soon. Businesses such as Stamos Tavern, Catlin Traps, Cheap Coal, sales receipts from Catlin's Discount House and others. Come by and see how many you can remember!

As always come by and enjoy a trip down memory lane, work on you genealogy in our office and archive room or just visit with some of the volunteers on duty.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The warm summer months always find lots of activity going on with the Museum; we are open on Saturday mornings for out of town visitors and local tourists. This year our hours were covered by: Carolyn Brown, Roberta Rodrick, Virginia Wallen, Bertha Thomas, Lela Mae DeNeal, Freda Weaver and Jim/Dorothy Jones. The yard requires regular mowing and these years' mowers were: Buzz Ritchie, Dan Rose, Steve Berry, Neal Brogan and Butch Schmink. Linda Berry spent several hours getting the flowerbeds in shape and filling a few pots for us.

We must also thank Tom Johnson for the new handrail he made for the back porch of the house, it looks wonderful and was greatly needed. Phil Cadle has been recently doing many hours of sanding and painting of our Museum house back porch poles and trim—they will last a long time and look like new. Thanks Tom and Phil, it's great getting these projects completed.

Our regular weekly volunteers have kept us going for another year—Evelyn Darr, Alma Moody, Lorene Sawyer, Virginia Wallen and Sara Cast, thank you so much ladies. Kellie Carter, a Catlin High School student began volunteering every Wednesday this summer, we loved having her here helping us with many different projects—hoping she will return next summer also!

Please consider giving of your time, talent or treasure and helping out here at the Museum—we can always use more volunteers and we have a good time too.

RESIDENTS REMINISCE

Fall time in Illinois, it doesn't get any better than this! To complete a beautiful fall day I spent an afternoon visiting with long time resident/ farmer of our community, Charles F. McGee.

Charles was born on April 10, 1919, to Charles E. and Nellie (Byerly) McGee, he had two siblings, one sister Marjorie and one brother Robert. Home at that time was a house at the bottom of Kistler Hill (no longer standing), he later also lived in the country house at the top of Kistler Hill with his father farming the bottom grounds during this time. The coal company came into the area and life changed, the family moved to Batestown and Dad went to work for the mine giving up his farming days. After about ten years of working the tippie in the mine Charles's father bought a piece of ground about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north on the current McGee Road (son Mikes residence) and the McGee family farming history began. Charles recalls during his time in the Batestown home that his sister Marjorie and he were responsible for a two-acre patch—whatever Dad had planted they had to hoe and keep clean. Also a grape arbor kept them busy picking grapes! Once on the farm again his daily chore after school was filling the coal buckets and keeping them by the cook stove. Mowing the grass with the push mower and cleaning out the chicken house were also jobs marked



for Charles.

Evening time was family time for the McGee household; they always ate the evening meal together enjoying each other's company. Charles recalls a type of grammar game his father would play at the table—his father, a

believer of proper English would give points to anyone catching another family member using incorrect grammar. Card playing was not an activity, as Charles senior believed if you did not learn to play those games you won't get into trouble. Charles fondly remembers spending many evening hours listening to his mother read books to them. His

memories of their first radio was that Paul Smoot made it from a kit and they had to tie a wire in the top of an apple tree for an antennae. Plus it required earphones for listening. The best family holiday was 4th of July, all the aunts, uncles and cousins loaded up for a visit with Grandpa and Grandma McGee who lived in Monon, Indiana. Twenty-five to thirty family members would arrive on the 3rd, with everyone bragging if they made the trip without incurring a flat tire! Charles loved getting together with his cousins playing cap guns, shooting firecrackers/fireworks and playing in the haymow. Charles's mother's family was very active in establishing the Church of Christ in Catlin and he continues to be an active member. Join-

ing in 1930, making his membership of 80 years plus.

Schooling for Charles began with his attending Diamond Grade School for 1st thru 5th. Sixth grade was the old Catlin Grade School but then the family moved to the farm on the current McGee Road so 7th and 8th was Bethel, one room school. Teacher Rose Church Sacre was remembered as a great educator and lady. During high school the sporting events were memories for Charles, especially his senior year, quarterbacking a champion team.

After game fun was continued at Gardner's Restaurant on the corner, maybe even a game of pool too! Norman "Short" Taylor lived across the road and they rode bicycles to school together, often returning home in the dark after practice. One snowy night Herman Byerly had Charles, Bud Yount and Marjorie Darr (a friend of Herman's daughter, Velma) to spend the night as they could not get home in that weather. Many youth growing up in the Catlin area have fond memories of the sugar camps. Charles recalls working the Byerly camp, driving a wagon by horses collecting the sap in a large tank and then boiling it down for syrup. Family-get to together and high school wiener roasts were often held at the camps. Charles asked freshman Mary Hawkins to attend, after some family discussion (Charles had just graduated from Catlin) about Mary attending with an older fellow, they consented and by her senior year they were engaged. During his senior year and awhile after Charles worked at Mike Eaton's Filling Station for \$10.00 a week then he spent some

time working for Songer Chevrolet. After graduating with the class of 1937 Charles took a course by mail to learn accounting, always good with figures an accountant is what he chose—working for Goodyear in Indianapolis for \$25.00 a week until the draft came along.

In 1941 Charles was drafted into the service, doing his basic Army training in Tullahoma Tennessee. After Pearl Harbor his ship was sent to Australia and then he spent time on the French Island of New Caledonia. During this time period Charles was chosen for officer's training school where he was commissioned as 2nd Lt. Next stop for Charles was Guadalcanal where he served until being wounded. Treatment for his injury required him to be sent back to the United States where he ended up in Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis Tn. Two years and nine surgeries were required before Charles was healed and released. Early in this 2-year time period Charles's parents and fiancée Mary Hawkins came to visit. His parents returned home while Mary decided to stay an extra day—Charles talked with his doctors and found out that you could go 12 miles into Mississippi and get married in one day with little trouble. Off they went to be married by a local Baptist minister. Mary was able to transfer her job to Memphis and the McGee's set up housekeeping together. Charles continued his medical recovery and Mary continued to work for the two years they lived in Memphis. Midnight December 11, 1944 Charles considers the happiest day of his life—he was discharged from the Army with his body put back together and he and

Mary were heading home to Catlin expecting their first child in the spring. During Charles and Mary's marriage their first child Mike was born that spring with another son David and a daughter Jeanie to follow.

Growing up Charles remembers the old one row cultivator pulled by a team of two horses, "back then we cultivated 3 or 4 times before it got too tall, now days we don't cultivate at all". He remembers when noon time came around the horses were given water and put in the barn to rest—after eating the family also sometimes had a short half hour nap, this gave the horses an extra resting time. Planting corn was a 2-row planter, pulled by 2 horses. Checking the corn, dropping it every 40 inches in the row allowed the farmer later to cultivate the corn in three directions as this made a uniform grid of the field. No fertilizer except manure and no chemicals were used. Weeds were controlled by cultivating. Charles always carried an uncovering stick with him when cultivating, if the corn plant got covered up he'd reach behind him and uncover it! During school Charles often got out of school to help cultivate, he also remembers working for his uncle John Smoot, walking behind a team pulling the harrow. A corrugated roller used to break up clods was another memory Charles had of his early farming days. With an average field size of 20-30 acres, doing all the work by a team of horses, it required many trips up and down the field, what a full day of exercise—wonder how some of our farmers would handle this now days.

According to newspaper records from the Museum, during the 1950's Charles was a pioneer in the cage system of housing chicken layers. Each layer occupies a small wire cage the water supply runs from a trough that is between the back-to-back cages. The flow is fresh and clean, and is heated in winter. This system is different in that a record card is kept above each cage for each hen. If she drops below a certain percent she is culled and another pullet is put in her place. If she doesn't lay at least seven eggs in two weeks, she is inspected to see if she is in good condition. If she is, she is given another two weeks to make good. If she fails, she is culled. There are many advantages in the use of the cage system. The hens are maintained on wire and eat a scientifically prepared and balanced ration. The system produces uniform eggs of good color and flavor. As they are laid, the eggs roll out on a tray and begin cooling. Later they are stored in a cool, moist place, and are washed, candled and graded and put into cartons for marketing. When the newspaper article was written McGee had about 300 White Leghorn layers, and was aiming for 700 when all the facilities were completed. The operation grew to 1000 layers during the 1960's.

Charles is 92 years young and continues to live independently on the family homestead. Thanks so much to Charles for sharing his memories with us. Our Historical Society membership enjoys hearing from residents about their experiences.

A FAVORITE MUSEUM COLLECTION

An autograph book is a book in which one collects the autographs of others. Traditionally, these books would include small pieces of verse, personal messages, poems and drawings from one's friends. Yearbooks, friendship books and guest books are modern derivations. They were popular among university students from the 15th century until the mid-19th century, after which their popularity began to wane as they were gradually replaced by yearbooks. Today's autograph book is most frequently seen in the hands of children, collecting signatures from their favorite cartoon celebrities in amusement parks.

We have received in our collection autograph books belonging to:

- Maggie Sandusky dated 1882
- Mary E. Hart dated 1883
- Katie Shepherd dated January 8, 1888
- Nellie Anderson dated April 3, 1889 on her 16th birthday
- Alice Anderson (Nugent) dated January 1, 1890
- Blanche Croft (Tilton) dated 1927
- Here is a sample of the poems that were popular. Stop by and check out our collections for more Biblical and humorous notations.
- May the hinges of our friendship never rust.
- May you always be happy and live at your ease. Get a good husband and do as you please.
- Think of me long, think of me ever, think of the fun we have had together.
- Mary had a little frock, it was a bit light and airy, it didn't show the dust a bit but OH how it did show Mary.



- May your cheeks retain their dimples, may your heart be just as gay, til some manly voice shall whisper, "Dearest will you name the day?"
- Remember well and bear in mind a true friend is hard to find.
- When you find one bright and gay, stick to his coattail night and day.
- Friend Mary. May you live happy. May you be blest, May you live in a cottage with the one you love best.
- I have your album in which to write. I turn to a page all blank and white. I knit my eye and tried to think—I thought and thought in vain—and then concluded to write my name.
- May you live a long life and a happy one—and cut a big dash and marry a man with lots of cash.

HAM & BEAN DINNER 2011

Sunday, October 2nd was a beautiful fall day, cool, crisp morning and plenty of sunshine. We appreciated no raindrops or wind, the area farmers also appreciated the great day! Chef Buzz Ritchie worked his cooking magic again this year and turned out a delicious kettle of beans and a delicious kettle of chili. Buzz was glad to have such good help this year, grand-



son Andrew Ritchie and Phil Cadle began the day with Buzz at 5:00a.m. —they both helped with various tasks and hopefully learned about cooking over a fire. Alma Moody assisted Buzz in cutting preparations on Saturday and she did a great job. The menu also included barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, corn bread and homemade desserts, giving everyone something to enjoy.



A big thank you goes to the Catlin area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts help us with the setting up of tables and chairs, also with tearing down and putting away—they save us much in time and energy! During the dinner our Cub Scouts come to work, they carry trays, refill drinks and clean-up tables. Both groups are very eager to work and they make us proud knowing these wonderful Scouts are the future of Catlin.



The Museum House and Log Cabin building were open for all to see! The front parlor shows much of the church history of our community. A special note goes to the Catlin United Methodist Church as they are celebrating 175 years of worship in Catlin. The old Wolverine mascot costume and other Catlin High School memorabilia are one of the favorite displays. We find our younger visitors love playing with the rotary telephone and the antique coffee bean grinder. The log cabin building showed a one-room school setting (dunce hat included) and a nice display showing the Catlin Township cemeteries. All our visitors enjoyed viewing the buildings.

We must thank all of our volunteers and it takes many to put together our dinner. Board members set up a tent on Friday, and then Saturday our Scouts did most of the setting up. For Sunday the cornbread and desserts were made by: Sue Colwell, Bethany Williams, Sandy Johnson, Linda Berry, Barb Huffman, Sonna Rose, Darlene Meganhardt, Dee Belton, Rita Monyok, Jean Finley, Heidi Newlin, Trina Miller, Kathleen Harby, Lorene Sawyer, Judy Walker, Diane Reddy, Lela

Mae DeNeal, Dorothy Jones, Patty Boyd, Freda Weaver, Linda Ingram, Carolyn Brown, Roberta Rodrick and Alma Moody. Volunteers serving food and building guides were: Andy/Heidi Newlin, Bethany Williams, Terry/Peggy Adkins, Butch Schmink, Neal/Cathy Brogan, John/Sara Cast, Dolores Belton, Sandy Johnson, Evelyn Darr, Alma Moody, Dan/Sonna Rose, Cheri Welsh, Steve/Linda Berry and Trina Miller, Freda Weaver, Barb Huffman, Carolyn Brown, Lela Mae DeNeal, Lorene Sawyer, Virginia Wallen, Roberta Rodrick, Fred/Diane Reddy and Jim/Dorothy Jones. Kathleen Harby and event coordinator Sara Cast lined up our volunteers and food donations. We had a successful day thanks again to our great volunteer base.



Mark your calendars for next year. Sunday October 7, 2012—our 20th ham and bean dinner!

CLEAN UP—SPRUCE UP DAY



John Miller and Neal Brogan clean annex gutters

Saturday September 24 was our first annual cleanup, spruce up day for the Museum grounds. Flower garden work, gutter cleaning, painting and shrub trimming were on our list of tasks. The weather provided us with a cool morning for working but a drizzly rain kept the painting jobs from being done. By noontime we were pleased with the morning's work and our volunteers headed home. We hope to continue this workday each year—it helps the Museum greatly! The workers enjoyed each other's company and agreed that it was a morning well spent. Thanks again to everyone and hope to see you next year—watch our signboard for the future date.

MEMBERSHIP

The Catlin Historical Society would like to welcome Elizabeth Burris, Catlin, Gene Berry and Jan LoVecchio both of Tucson Arizona as new members of the Society.

Renewals since our last newsletter:

Harry Reed
Pat Lashmet
Jean Fisher
Cynthia Edwards Scott
Wes Fanson
M/M Dan Hageman
M/M Dan Rose
M/M Jeff Fauver
Sandra Butz Woolcott
M/M Tom Cook
Glenda Eaton thru 2012
Mary Scaggs thru 2012
M/M Tom Belton thru 2012

Donations to the general operating fund were received from Mary Scaggs and M/M Jeff Fauver. Thanks so much!

Residence Reminisce Correction

Recently it was brought to our attention that in our March 2011 issue article with Jim and Dorothy Jones an error was made! The article stated the Jim was a 2nd class gunner mate in charge of a 20 inch gun, Jim received a few comments about the 20 inch gun, actually is was 20mm about the size of a quarter—sorry for the error but as Jim points out we know people are reading the newsletter!

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THE YEAR IS 1911

The year is 1911---one hundred year ago.
What a difference a century makes!
Here are some statistics for the Year 1911:

- ◆ The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- ◆ Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
- ◆ Only 14% of the homes had a bathtub.
- ◆ Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.
- ◆ There were only 8000 cars and only 144 miles of paved road.
- ◆ The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- ◆ The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- ◆ The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- ◆ More than 95% of all births took place at home.
- ◆ Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- ◆ Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- ◆ Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- ◆ Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- ◆ Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- ◆ The American flag had 45 stars.
- ◆ The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
- ◆ Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- ◆ There was neither a Mother's Day no a Father's Day.
- ◆ Two out of every 19 adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- ◆ Eighteen % of households had a least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- ◆ There were about 230 reported murders in the entire USA.



Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years!

IN MEMORY OF...

Fredrick William Legg, 81, of Catlin died Saturday, July 2, 2011, at the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System in Danville.



Fred was born on August 23, 1929, to Fred and Mildred Legg. He was married on May 19, 1950, to Carol

Royalty. Surviving are his wife Carol, and four children, Kim (Stan) Puzey of Fairmount, Kayann (Norma) Legg of Fairfield, Ohio, Kris (Rob) McMasters of Brookfield, Wisc., and Joe (Kim) Legg of Catlin, four grandchildren and three great-grand children.

Fred was a veteran of the Korean War and worked 33 years in engineering at the Danville VA.

Funeral services were held July 5, 2011 at Sunset Funeral Home with full military rites conducted. Memorials should be made to the Vermilion County War Museum and the Kathryn Randolph Theater. In accordance with his wishes, his ashes will be released over his favorite fishing pond.

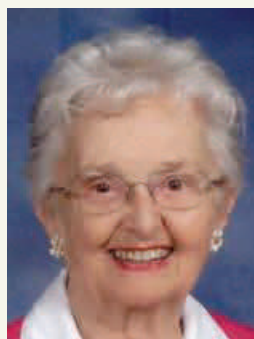
Dr. Anthony Saville, 81, of Las Vegas, passed away June 28, 2011. He was born June 16, 1929, in Montreal, Canada. Anthony (Sisevich) was a graduate of Catlin High School, class of 1947. Dr. Saville (Tony to his family and friends) married Joy Lee Randolph in 1955 and they recently celebrated 56 years together. Tony is survived by his wife, Joy, their children,

Derek, McKenzie, Samantha, Myranda and Stephanie along with a cousin, two sister-in-laws and several nieces.

He served over 50 years as a teacher, coach, high school principal, college professor and UNLV administrator. His numerous awards included the Board of Regents Distinguished Nevadan Award and the Anthony Saville Middle School named in his honor.

A memorial service was held July 8, 2011 at the Desert Spring United Methodist Church, Las Vegas. Memorials to the Desert Spring United Methodist Church building fund, 120 N. Pavilion Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV. 89144

Esther C. Hendrickson, 88, of Catlin died July 17, 2011 at the Hawthorne



Inn of Danville. Mrs. Hendrickson was born June 1, 1923 in Columbia, Mo. the daughter of the Rev. Albert C. and Mathilda Heinrichsmeyer Bernthal. She married Lowell Hendrickson on April 22, 1946 in Dan-

ville. He preceded her in death on March 22, 2000.

Esther is survived by three sons, William (Jeanne) of Kalispell, Mont., Thomas (Cyndy) of St. Joseph and Martin (Donna) of Champaign. She is also survived by four grandsons, two granddaughters and six great-

grandchildren.

She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church for 80 years, member of the Eunice Society and helping in the church office. Esther volunteered with the Catlin Historical Society. She will be missed especially for her ready smile and laughter.

Funeral services were held July 15, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kent Tibben presiding. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery in Danville. Memorials contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Stella M. Taylor, 80, of Catlin passed away Tuesday August 2, 2011 in Provena United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville.



She was born August 11, 1930, in Eldorado, Il., to Wilfred and Katherine Fisher Smith. Stella Mae married Gibbs E. Taylor on March 31, 1951, at the Catlin Church of Christ. Gibbs passed away on Feb. 7, 2011.

Survivors include two sons, Ted (Constance) Taylor of Catlin and Jeff (Carla) Taylor of Belgium; one brother Mike Smith of Ridgefarm; three sister, Shirley Beckman of Oakwood, Charlotte (Ron) Johnson of Catlin and Patricia Pierce of Catlin; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her son, Larry "Gibby" Taylor; two brothers and one sister.

She was graduate of Danville High

School and was involved with her husband Gibbs in the construction business. A 60-year member of Catlin Church of Christ and a 45-year member of the church choir. Stella was the first teacher for the "Deaf Class" at the Church of Christ, taught Sunday school and worked in the nursery. She volunteered with the Junior Auxiliary at St. Elizabeth Hospital, the Red Cross and found time to be a cub scout den mother.

Funeral services were held at the Catlin Church of Christ, with Darren Johnson officiating. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery in Catlin. Memorials may be made to Provena Cancer Center in care of Robison Chapel.

Howard B. Yeazel, 90, of Catlin, passed away August 29, 2011 in Tulsa Oklahoma. Howard was born November 21, 1920, in Fairmount to Chester Rollie and Sophia Hedges Yeazel. He married Betty Keller on November 15, 1942. She passed away March 9, 1999.



Survivors include one son, Kenneth L. (Sandy) Yeazel of Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Donna L. (Ronald) Merriott of Lebanon, In.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one grandchild.

Howard worked for F.L. Jacobs Company in Danville during the 1950s and also farmed. He was a custodian for Catlin Grade School for 12 years and the Catlin Church of Christ for 15

years.

Funeral services were held at the Catlin Church of Christ with Darren Johnson officiating. Burial in Oakridge Cemetery in Catlin. Memorials to the Catlin Church of Christ or Pleasant Meadows Christian Village.

Thomas Rodney Crawford, 78, of Catlin passed away Sunday, September 18, 2011, at his home. Rodney was born November 26, 1932, in Fairmount to Harold "Hezzy" E. and Frances R. Puzey Crawford. He married Elinor Valentine on Feb. 12, 1956, in Catlin. She preceded him in death September 10, 2004.

Surviving are two sons, Scott A. (Lynne) Crawford of Ridgefarm and Steven (Tammy) Crawford of Catlin; one daughter, Sue Lyn (Louis) Herdle of Catlin; one brother Kerry (Cathy) Crawford of Fairmount; eight grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and one step-grandson.

Rodney served in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer who was a member of the Catlin Lions Club, the Antiquarians, the Catlin Historical Society and a trustee of the Catlin United Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, antiquing, going to tractor shows and having coffee each morning with his friends.

Funeral services were held at the Catlin United Methodist Church with Pastor Jan Miller officiating. Burial: Jones Grove Cemetery in Catlin. Memorials to the Catlin United Methodist Church of the Catlin Historical Society.

Complete obituaries are available upon request from the Historical Society.

The Historical Society is saddened by the passing of several members, we are unable to print all the obituaries in this issue but will include the following in our next issue: John Nesbitt, Irma Jones, Lowell Miller

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Stella Taylor were received from: M/M Jim Jones and M/M Scott Church.

Wesley Fanson gave a memorial for his wife Margaret Fanson.

Lillian Kelly gave a memorial for her husband John Kelly.

Memorials for Anna Daniels were received from: Lela Mae DeNeal and Mary Jane Champion.

Memorials for Rodney Crawford were received from: Linda Lorenz, The Morning Coffee Group, Antiquarian Antique Study Group, M/M Donald Smoot, M/M Curtis Hunt, M/M Ron Smoot, M/M Fred Reddy, M/M David Darr and Vermillion County Farm Bureau

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COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting	Nov 7	Annex
Board Meeting	Dec 5	Annex

All board meetings begin at 7:00 in the annex building and are open to all members

C E L E B R A T I O N S

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Church of Westfield, Indiana celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Herman Church and Deveril Wroughton were married on October 12, 1941, at the Southside Methodist Church in Kankakee by the Rev. Richard J. Wroughton, father of the bride.

Herman is a farmer and Deveril is a homemaker.

The couple has two children, Ron (Jeane) Church of Plainsfield, In. and Jan (Brian) Daily of Westfield. They also have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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